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CONCERTS RECEIVED IN EARLY HOURS OF TO-DAY.

RECORD ESTABLISHED?

The satisfactory reception in Hongkong of wireless concerts from thousands of miles away is brought appreciably nearer by the feat of a local amateur who, during the early hours of his morning, received a musical programme from Melbourne, Australia, and also one from Holland. While the reception of one of these stations is noteworthy, the fact that two programmes were received from such distant places probably establishes a record for radio reception in Hongkong.

The successful amateur was Mr. George Taylor, Inspector of Lights, who stayed up through the early hours of this morning listening to programmes received at Green Island. Mr. Taylor is well known in local radio circles and during last year lectured with Mr. A. J. Chesterton at the Engineers' Institute. He is a prominent member of the Hongkong Radio Society and was actively associated with the experimental transmissions which were made some months ago.

TWO VALVES AND SHORT WAVES.

During the early hours of this morning Mr. Taylor decided to try and receive the short wave transmissions now being sent out from Caterham, Surrey by Mr. Gerald Marcuse. It will be recalled that this well-known English amateur recently received permission to relay parts of the Daventry programme on short wave lengths with the object of demonstrating that an Empire broadcasting service was possible. Mr. Marcuse has now started his transmissions and Mr. Taylor decided to try and receive the messages direct from Home. While searching round on the lower wavelengths about midnight, Mr. Taylor received telephony and the announcer gave the call sign as SLO, the well known Melbourne broadcasting station. Mr. Taylor continued to listen to the Melbourne station until 1.30 this morning. The transmission was clearly received. The modulation was excellent, and it was quite obvious that local conditions were extremely good for long distance reception. At Green Island the weather was fine but cloudy with a light east wind.

Speeches from University.

The programme at the Melbourne studio was provided in part by the Victoria Amateur Touring Co. who gave an excellent selection of songs and musical items, all of which Mr. Taylor heard extremely clearly.

A later part of the programme was devoted to speeches concerning the Empire broadcasting scheme, and Mr. Taylor was able to follow all the speeches with remarkable ease. Messages were broadcast from the University of Melbourne, the speakers including Sir James Burnett, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Sir Harry Silver, Mr. Harold W. Clapp, of the Victoria Railway, and Mr. Harry Roberts, the President of the No. 1. Rotary Club, who broadcast world-wide greetings to brother Rotarians. Further messages were broadcast by Mr. Stan Clapham and Major Stevenson.

Orchestral selections followed. "I've Never Seen a Straight Banana" being one of the items broadcast. At the time the Melbourne Station was transmitting on a wavelength of 45 metres, apparently having discarded the usual one which is in the neighbourhood of 300 metres for that particular transmission so that there would be better chance of the Empire broadcasting messages being received in the most distant parts of the world.

And Then Holland.

After Mr. Taylor switched off from the Australian station he heard further telephony on a still lower wavelength, and when an announcement was made found that he was listening to the well-known Dutch Station PCJJ, located at Eindhoven in Holland. It may be remembered that this station recently relayed the Lon-

PIRATE AUCTION.

KOCHOW VICTIMS TO HIGHEST BIDDER.

POORER CAPTIVES FREED.

The vernacular newspapers state that of the many passengers who were kidnapped by the pirates during the attack on the s.s. Kochow, the Hongkong-Wuchow boat, it is now learned that shortly after the pirates left the steamer, 12 persons and the Company has been settled.

An agreement was reached between the parties at a conference held in Shanghai yesterday, and the local guilds have received telegraphic advices to this effect.

Up to the moment, however, the terms of settlement have not been received in Hongkong. Reuter in Shanghai is also silent on the point up to the present.

Asked for confirmation of the reported settlement, the Company intimated this morning that they had nothing to communicate.

A Telegraph representative was informed by the guilds to-day that the agreement reached is to be ratified when the wording of the terms have been approved by the solicitors acting for them. Ratification of the agreement may reach Hongkong to-day. The officers will report for duty 48 hours after the agreement has been ratified, and, no doubt, immediate steps will then be taken to get some of the vessels which have been held up for two months out to sea again.

It was to the people on board the Kow Ning that some of these released persons told of their experience in the hands of the pirates.

It appears that the freebooters devised a convenient method of auctioning their captives and loot in the presence of not only the gang concerned, in the Kochow piracy, but also a large crowd of compatriots in the same "trade," who came from other districts and villages to take part in the proceedings.

The Auction.

All the captives of the s.s. Kochow were divided into three classes, according to their worldly wealth. It is stated in the vernacular press that this auction took place almost immediately after the pirates landed on the shore at Lam Kong village, in the Ko Lu district. The news that a big auction was going to take place spread in the quiet villages in the vicinity like a forest fire, and a few hours later large crowds of pirates and bandits arrived to attend the affair.

The captives and loot from the s.s. Kochow were distributed immediately after the auction, according to the story told by the released men.

It is believed that the gang who attacked the s.s. Kochow thought that in auctioning their captives and their loot, it would save them the trouble of carrying on protracted negotiations with the families of the victims, on the one hand, and it would also give them the opportunity of obtaining hard cash.

The Chinese press stated that the pirates alleged that they boarded the s.s. Kochow by coming up to the steamer on the same pan that rowed near the vessel and set fruits at the mouth of the Shamsui River, boarding the vessel one by one, and attracting no attention.

It will be recalled that Mr. R. Black, the chief engineer of the Kochow, was shot dead by the pirates, and over 100 of the passengers were kidnapped. As reported by us on Monday, a punitive expedition against the villages from which the pirates came was carried out by a British naval party on Saturday.

CAPTAIN COURTNEY'S FLIGHT.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

London, Sept. 6.

A message from Corunna states that owing to unsettled weather conditions, Captain Courtney has again postponed his departure on the next stage of his Trans-Atlantic flight. Thick fog and electrical disturbances are reported between Corunna and the Azores. *British Wireless.*

TREASURY FINANCE.

AMERICAN ARRANGEMENT.

Washington, Sept. 6.

The September financing of the Treasury Department comprise two offerings of new securities totalling \$500,000,000, the first being certificates of indebtedness bearing 3 per cent. interest, maturing in six months, and the second being Treasury notes for 3 to 5 years, at 3½ per cent.

Reuter's American Service.

C.N.C. SETTLEMENT REACHED.

EXACT TERMS NOT YET KNOWN.

AN EARLY RESUMPTION.

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Reported Terms.

From other sources it is learned that the agreement reached provides for the reduction of ten per cent. in salaries, this being agreed to by the officers. It is understood that there is to be no penalisation of certain officers who refused to move their vessels to other moorings when the strike started.

This point, it may be recalled, was one which was maintained by the Company through the earlier negotiations. It has now apparently been waived.

One point which remains to be adjusted concerns the payment of wages. It will be remembered that when certain officers were paid off owing to the expiry of Articles they did so under protest, maintaining that salaries should be paid up to the time Articles expired, and not up to the date of the start of the strike. Whether payment will be made up to the time of expiry of Articles or to the time the strike commenced is the point outstanding.

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History of the Dispute.

It is understood that the strike of the officers of the China Navigation Company which has been in progress for over two months has been settled. News to this effect has been received from Shanghai. It is stated that the officers will return to work immediately, or at any rate as many as can be conveniently taken on, though under what conditions is not known. At least one of the Company's ships is sailing from Hongkong to-day, and it is expected that in a very short time all will be on their usual runs again.

It will be remembered that the strike started at midnight on June 29 and involved about 600 British officers and engineers and close upon ninety vessels, 150,000 tons. The majority of these have been laid up in China coast ports ever since. Some are at Bangkok and others at Singapore.

The dispute arose over a ten per cent wages reduction, which the Company notified they intended enforcing, the officers demanding that the dispute go to arbitration in accordance with an agreement between the China Coast Officers Guild and the Marine Engineers Guild of China and the Company, but the latter claimed that the terms of the agreement were that "arbitration must be by mutual consent."

Several days after the strike commenced, the Company dismissed two Masters and a Chief Engineer who had refused to move their ships and this action led to the withdrawal of all striking officers and engineers from the ships at Shanghai and Hongkong. On

July 9 sufficient officers were obtained to enable three or four ships to sail from Shanghai. The impasse continued until August 2.

Reuter's American Service.

HOP TO HKONG.

ROUTE OF WORLD FLIERS.

G.\$25,000 OFFER REJECTED.

Calcutta, Sept. 6.

The "Pride of Detroit" has arrived here.—Reuter.

Messrs. Brock and Schlee, who are flying the "Pride of Detroit" round the world after hopping across the Atlantic, have rejected Colonial Easterwood's offer, mentioned the other day, to fly from Hongkong to Dallas, Texas.

They have finally decided that the "Pride of Detroit" shall fly via Rangoon, Bangkok, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Tokyo, and thence back to America.—Reuter.

A Dallas message of September 4 stated: Colonel Easterwood has cabled the "Pride of Detroit" airmen offering them a prize of G.\$25,000 if they will fly from Hongkong to Dallas.

Due Here on Friday.

On enquiry at the local offices of the Asiatic Petroleum Company this morning, we were informed that a telegram was received here last evening from the A.P.C. office at Calcutta, stating that the round-the-world airmen will probably reach Hongkong on Friday, from Bangkok. Supplies of Shell Aviation Spirit and Golden Shell Oil, on which the flight is being accomplished, are being held in readiness.

It is not yet known where the "Pride of Detroit" will land, but it is thought that a landing will be made at the Kai-Tack aerodrome, as this provides the most suitable alighting ground for a land machine. Definite details will, it is hoped, be announced later.

On another page of to-day's issue will be found a picture of the two aviators together with their machine.

MECHANICAL ARMY.

A CENTRALISED AUTHORITY.

London, Sept. 6.

It is learned that Lieutenant General Sir Webb Gillman, who is taking over the duties of Master of Ordnance next month, is to be responsible for all mechanical vehicles connected with army transport—tanks and dragons, in addition to the design of guns and all fighting devices. This means that the mechanical engineering of the whole army is to be centralised. There will be no alteration in the responsibility for transport in ordinary services.

The saving effected by having a centralised authority dealing with mechanisation rather than three authorities is one of the factors to be considered apart from increased efficiency.—*British Wireless.*

BANK OF CANTON.

AN INACCURATE REPORT.

In connexion with a report published by us yesterday that the Bank of Canton had agreed to loan the Canton Government \$1,000,000, we are authoritatively informed that this is wholly inaccurate.

The terms of the loan, which the Government of Canton is asking of all the Banks there, are based on a charge of 4.4 per cent. on the working capital of each Bank concerned, and, in the case of the Bank of Canton, the charge could not exceed the sum of \$176,000.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.—*British Wireless.*

Rail Connexion Restored.

Chinkiang, Sept. 6.

Railway communication with Shanghai has been restored.

The Customs House was occupied by troops, but they were withdrawn on the request of the Commissioner of Customs.

Sun Chuan-fang is rumoured to be in Fengpu.—*Naval Wireless.*

JAPAN'S POLICY.

Troop Withdrawal Unaffected.

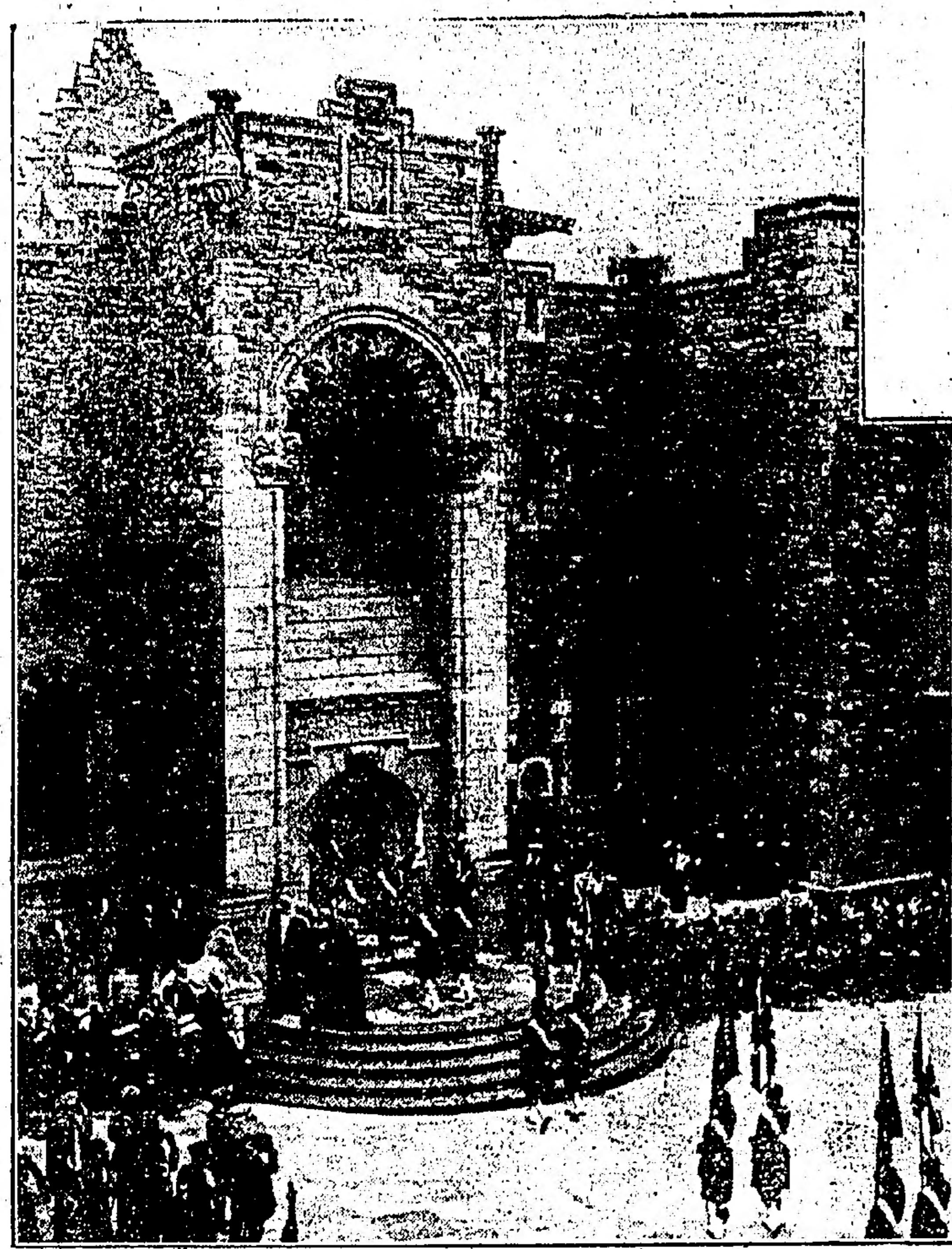
Tokyo, Sept. 6.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the War Office does not consider that the change in the situation arising from the reverses of the Northerners need upset the Japanese evacuation programme, declared the War Minister at to-day's Cabinet meeting.

He made it known that Japan, however, is not prepared to sit quiet if and when the lives and property of Japanese residents are endangered through the fighting.

Reuter.

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL.—The Scottish National War Memorial on the Rock of Edinburgh was opened by the Prince of Wales. This photograph was taken as the colours and guidons of the various units represented in the Memorial were taken into the building for lodgment in the Hall of Honour, or Hall of Regiments. (Times copyright).



A FAMILY AFFAIR.—One does not hear of many quadruple weddings, but here is one in which three brothers and their sister were married recently at Birmingham, Alabama. The principals were Dr. Lelias Kirby who was married to Miss Jean Harms, Rev. Otis Kirby, whose bride was Miss Katherine Evans, Rev. Taylor Kirby who was married to Miss Lucretia Hope, and Miss Geneva Kirby, bride of Herbert Werner.



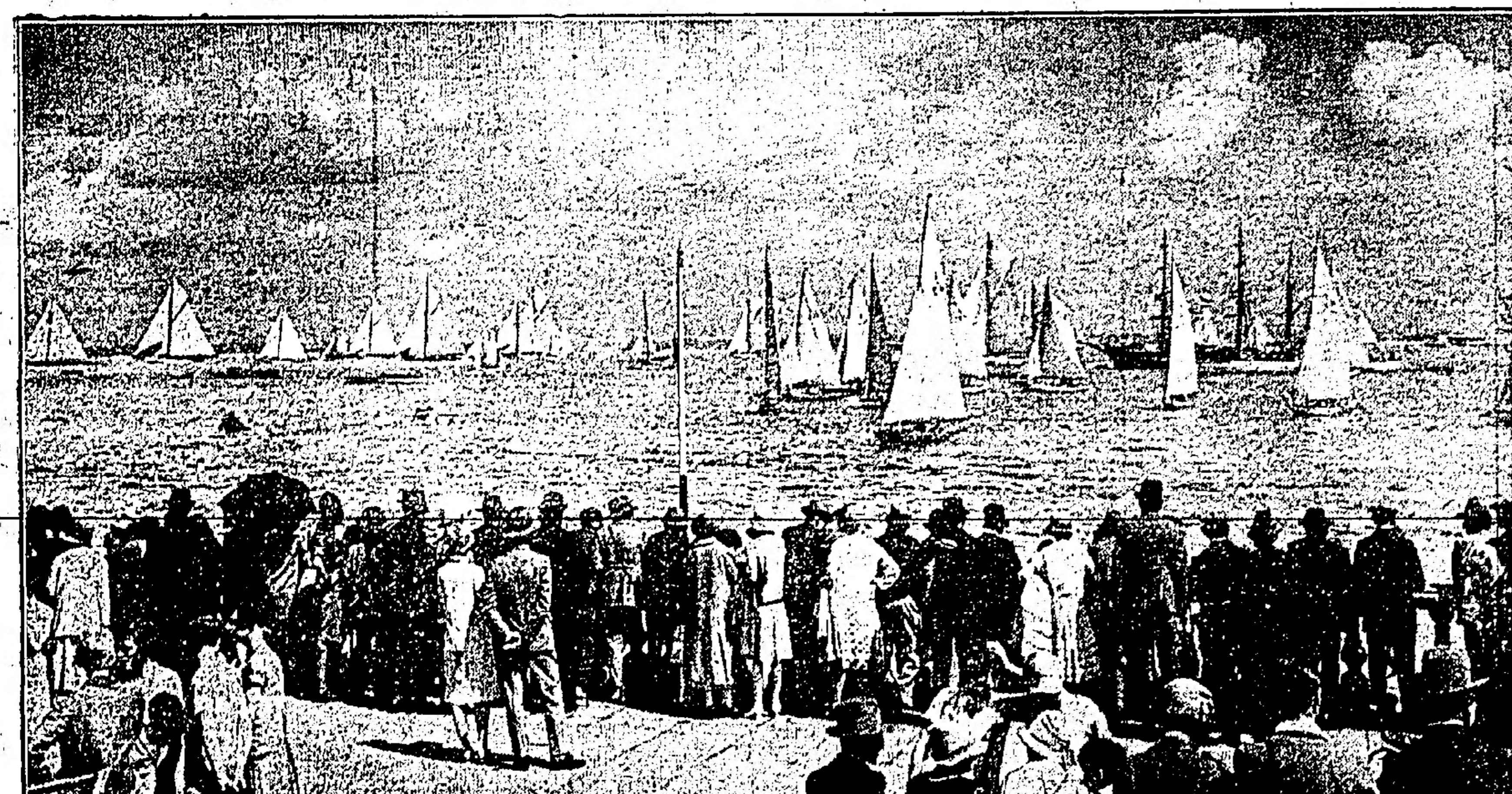
NOT AN "UNKNOWN."—When Nick Mamer of Spokane leaves New York on Sept. 21 in the New York-to-Spokane air derby he will carry an "unknown" passenger, rumoured to be Margaret Nixon, Spokane girl, who has been showing considerable interest in his plans. They are pictured above.



"KIDS' PARTY" AT A SHANGHAI CLUB.—Grown-up "kids" disported themselves in rompers, sailor suits and other nursery-days garments, and stayed up a great deal later than youngsters are ever supposed to do, when the Columbia Country Club at Shanghai gave a "kids' party."



NEW PREMIER.—Pan Fu (above) is the new Premier of North China. He was so appointed by Chang Tso-lin at the first Cabinet meeting, after Chang had named himself dictator.



COWES ROYAL REGATTA.—In contrast with the wretched weather on August Bank Holiday, there was brilliant sunshine at Cowes on August 2, and little wind. Our picture shows a view of the Roads with the yachts in the first race. His Majesty's Cup, becalmed on the line, and those in the 6-metre class race (on right) assembling before the start. (Times copyright).



ESCAPES ASSASSIN.—An attempt to assassinate William E. Chapman (above), American consul at Puerto Mexico, Mexico, has been reported to American authorities by the British vice consul at the Mexican port. Chapman was shot and seriously, though not fatally, wounded.

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Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th August, 1927.

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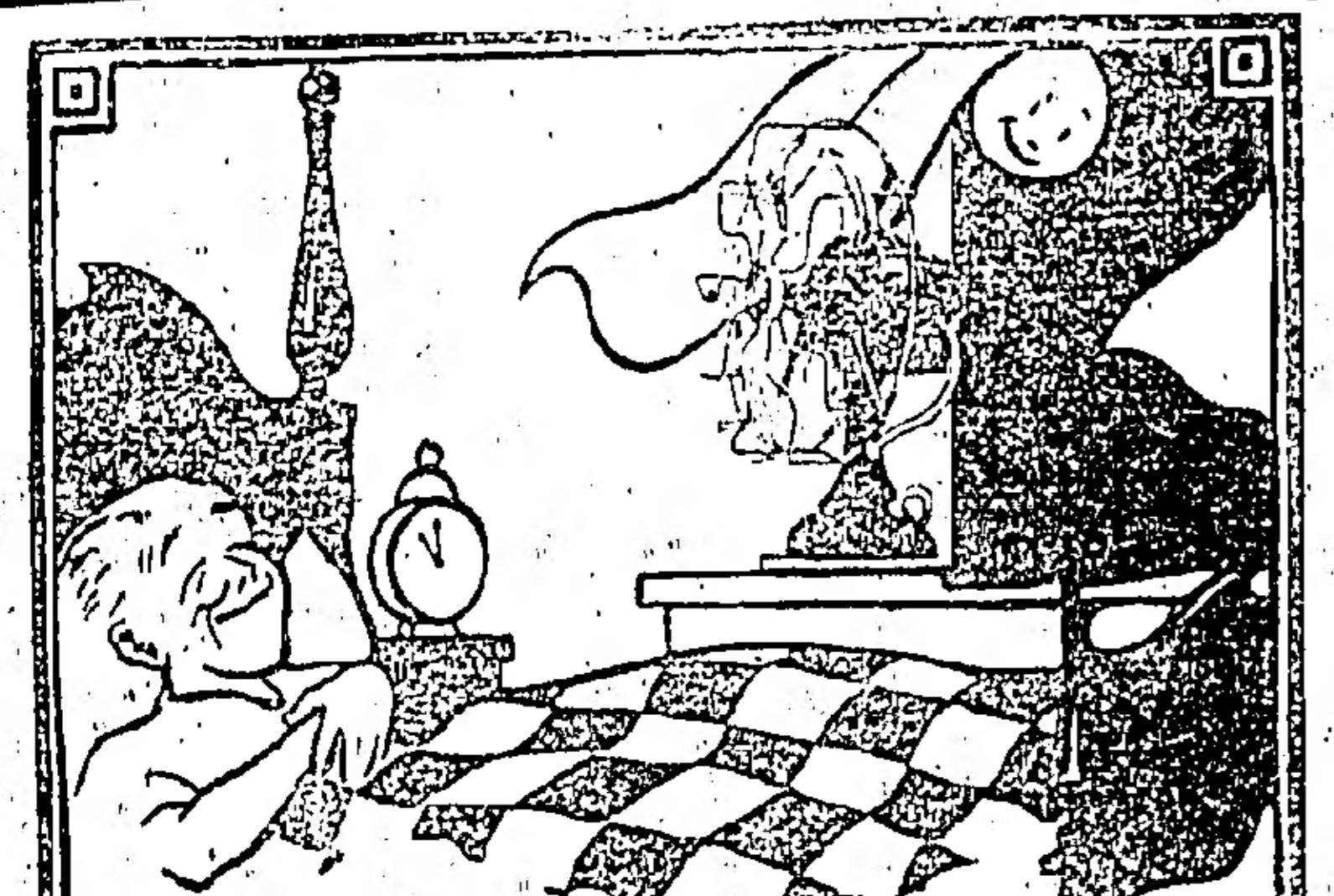
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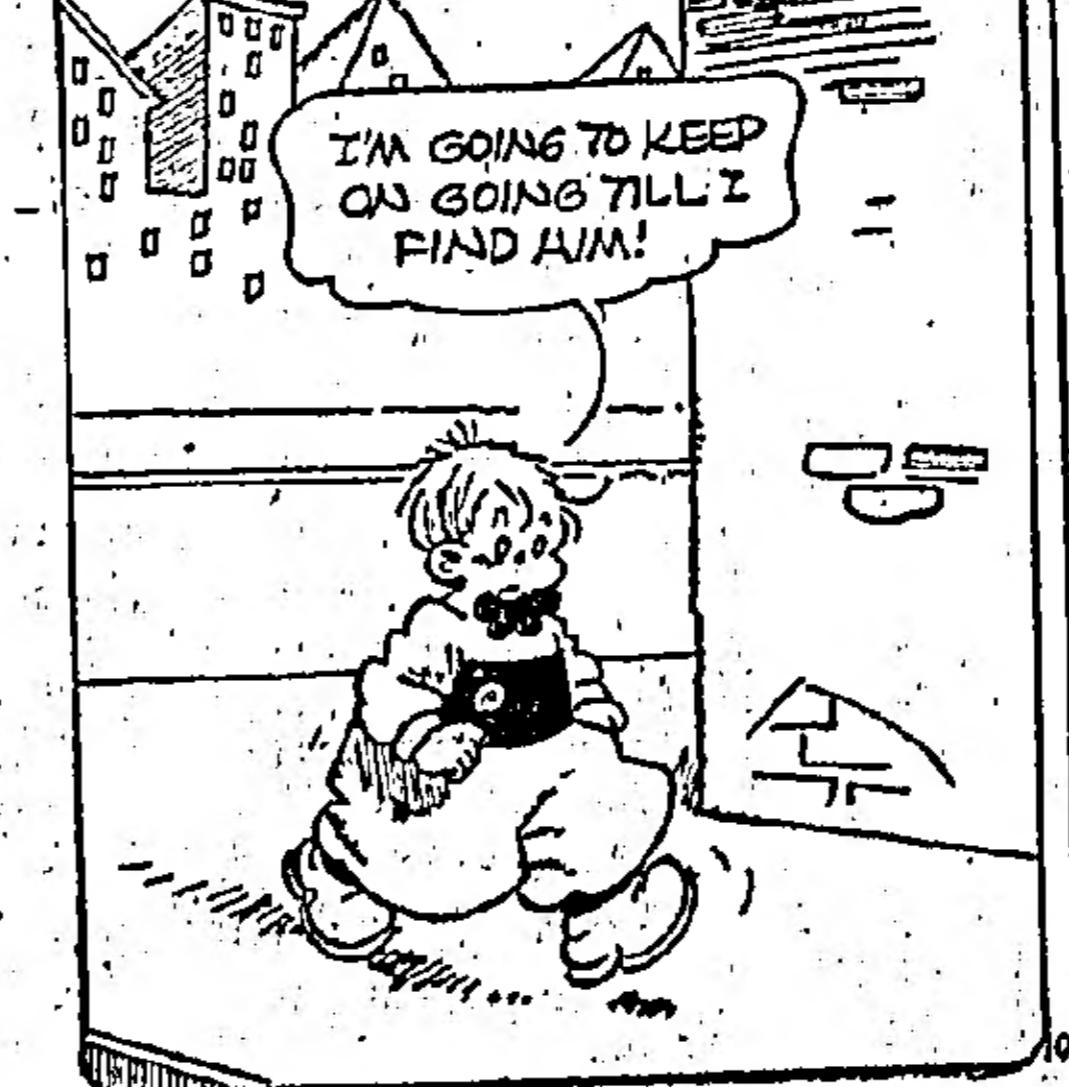
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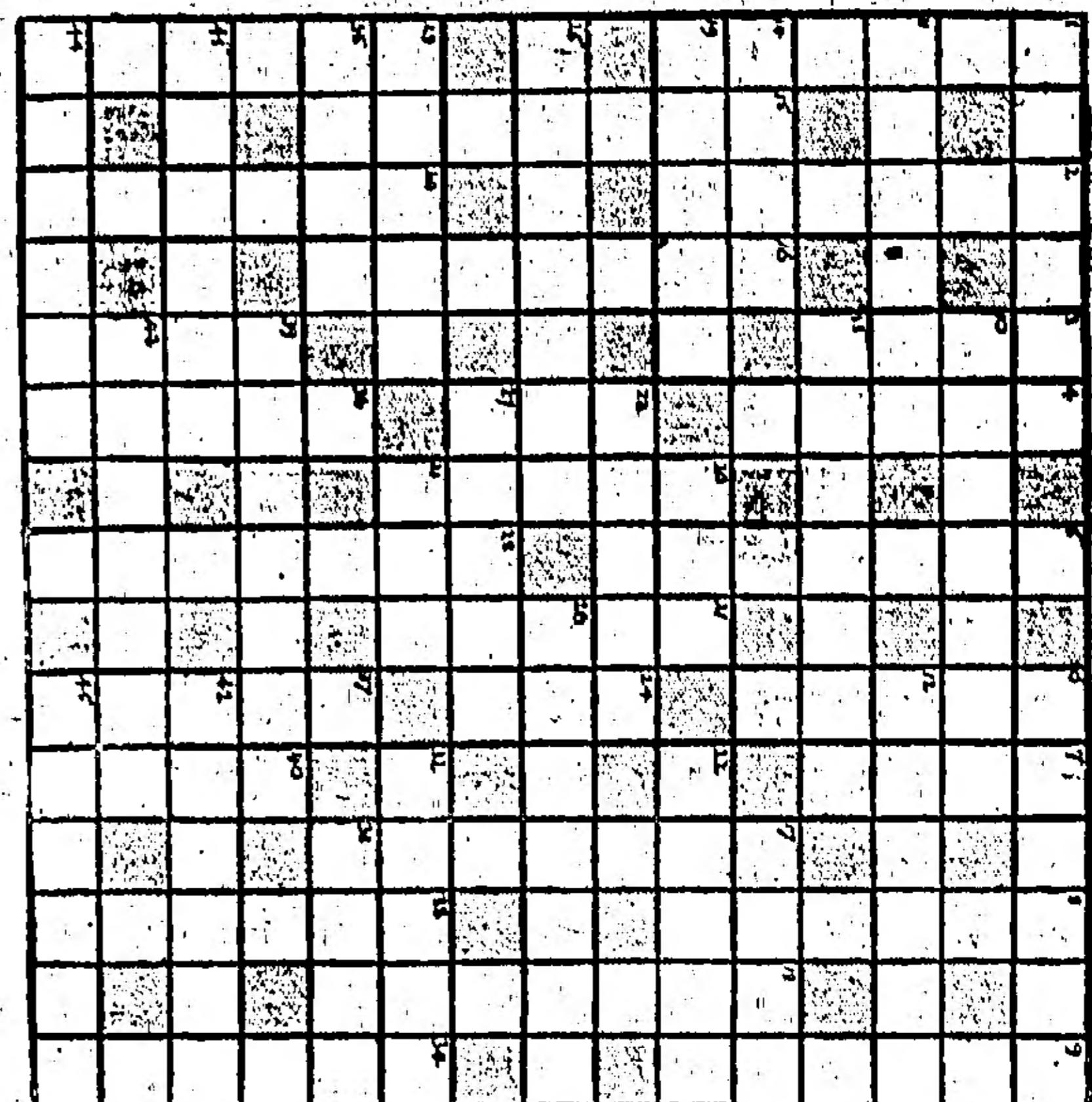


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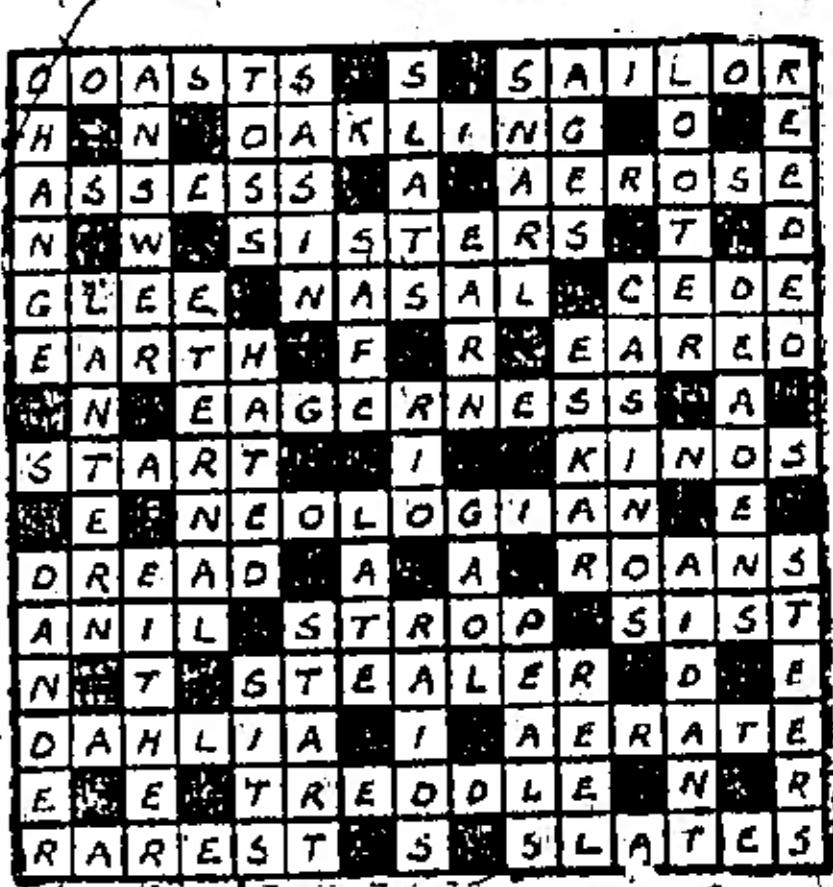


By Blosser

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1. Incrustations.
6. Cluster of seven stars.
10. Kind of aggregate stone.
11. Union of two stipules round stem.
12. Printing mistakes.
13. Boniface.
14. Salutation.
15. Mineral.
16. Express.
17. Transgress.
18. Bestow.
19. Governor.
20. Snake-like fish.
21. Organ of hearing.
22. Meanders.
23. Soft floss.
24. Small eagle.
25. Eagles' nests.
26. Funeral orations.
27. Large poles.
28. Braids.
29. Prophet.
30. Transaction.
31. Yesterday's Puzzle.



1. Curves.
2. Hindu Goddess of dawn.
3. Starting places (Golf).
4. Stem.
5. Fur bearing animals.
6. Jetty.
7. Bird of the parrot family.
8. Style of type.
9. Plays.

ROME'S STREET OF TRIUMPH.

DISCOVERY OF THE SITE.

Rome: Excavations on that portion of the Capitoline Hill which looks towards the Palatine have brought to light the remains of "Clivus Capitolinus," the famous street along which all the ceremonies of ancient Rome passed.

The remains discovered range in date from the sixth century B.C. to the Empire period. The oldest is a votive deposit containing a large number of earthenware vases, often very small and some of local and some of Greek manufacture.

Fragments of walls, marble columns, and terra-cotta ornaments belonging to a later period have been found also.

Archaeologists attach the greatest importance to the discovery of the exact location of Clivus Capitolinus.

It was along Clivus Capitolinus, the higher road to the Capitol, a part of the Via Sacra, that the Roman emperors passed in triumph on their return from successful wars.

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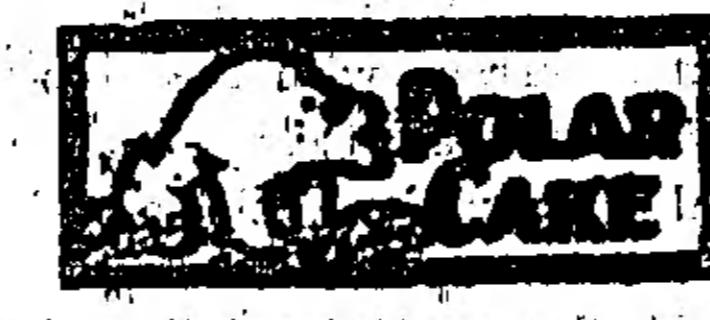
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Mr. and Mrs. M. Cario, beg to thank all kind friends for their kind sympathy and floral tributes in their sad bereavement.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1927.

DEVELOPMENT OR ECONOMY?

The more we study the present trade position of this Colony and the generally unsatisfactory "atmosphere" of the local business world the more we are convinced that the Government could do much to improve matters if it bestirred itself. We know, of course, that the trade of Hongkong is largely measured by imports and exports which merely pass through and which are handled by the wholesale merchants and agents, and also by the volume of shipping which that import and export trade brings. If trade reports and the representatives of business houses are to be relied upon, as indeed they must, there has been a steady improvement discernible during recent months. Trade with the hinterland is reviving, though that revival is doubtless slower than most of us would wish. But we would like to point out that there is a very large commercial, industrial and financial activity here which is purely domestic to this Colony, little connected with the import and export trade which passes by. Our permanent population is nearing the 900,000 mark and a tremendous number of inhabitants earn their livelihood in ways almost unaffected by whether the through flow of goods is large or small. Hongkong has a definite and distinct economic identity itself, apart altogether from what might be the state of the trade of South China or its politics, and it is in connexion with that internal and domestic life of the Colony that the influence of the Government is very great indeed. In this connexion we would like, once more, to refer to the Government's policy of rigid "economy" and suggest that it is not a very wise one when viewed in relation to the Colony's obvious need of a quickened financial and commercial activity.

As we view it, Hongkong's need at the moment is development—the development of its resources, the improvement of its services, and the extension of its industries. We have seen in the recent past how disastrously Hongkong's import and export trade can be affected by the political happenings at Canton and we ought, as a Colony, to broaden the bases of our foundations as much as is ever possible. Not only is it as a render service to goods in transit mere gateway that this Colony can go in or come from China, but, surely it is towards itself as the home of great industrial possibilities and as the highly-organised and efficient entrepot of a great hinterland that it ought to turn and minister in times when the flow of other trade is weak. Our Government by encouraging investment here in the building of roads, bridges, waterworks, harbour works, etc., would not only be giving the people who live here a greater stake and therefore a deeper interest in the welfare of a much more valuable Colony, but would be taking advantage of the present situation in which there is much unemployed liquid cash. The encouragement of private enterprises is most especially needed at a time like the present when we are waiting for a lead. Hongkong's industrial possibilities, which exist because of its large supply of reliable labour and its facilities for transport, have as yet only been indicated, and there is much room for the Government to foster the coming of new enterprises by opening up suitable sites and giving all those first-rate public utility services demanded of attractive industrial centres. At the moment the whole drift of Government policy is to subordinate development to economy, and, unfortunately, the effect of that is to seal up private money which might otherwise be induced into employment to the benefit of all. The Government has rightly retained its large personnel in most of the Departments and we suggest that it would be real constructive economy to employ staffs on whatever development work is obviously desirable, to go ahead with needed public works and to pay for them out of a reasonably-sized loan of a long term nature, to encourage private enterprise by granting all facilities possible (by financial help if necessary), and to explore all channels that promise the growth of the domestic solidarity of this Colony. We are a little too prone to look outside our own boundaries for all the influences that either retard or accelerate our financial activity. The Government's faith in the future might be profound but its actions savour over much of a desire to wait and see. We suggest that waiting at this precise moment is a policy of discouragement and that by indulging in it the Government is in no way helping to promote the revival we all so ardently desire.

Preservation of Game.

There has been considerable correspondence lately about the preservation of game in the Colony, or the lack of protection thereto. It appears that local sportsmen of the legitimate type, those who take the trouble to obtain licenses and to fit themselves out with guns and dogs, and so forth, are finding less to shoot every year. To a certain extent, the continuous shooting over restricted areas is to blame, and the gradual development of outlying territories, including the filling up of swamps, must eventually drive certain migrant birds away from areas where they are wont to stay for a while every season, to mate or seek food. The principal game bird here is the partridge, and there is also a fair number of quail to be obtained each year, as well as snipe. Otherwise, there is very little to shoot, and those who, like the writer, have shot over lands where these and other game birds are plentiful in their season give up the attempt here in disgust after one trial. It appears inevitable that game will be almost exterminated from Hongkong and the mainland in years to come. The plea

DAY BY DAY.

AN EXCESS OF ONE QUALITY IS ALWAYS BOUGHT AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER.—Anon.

Two fresh cases of enteric fever were reported yesterday, both Chinese.

The P. and O.s.s. Alipore, with English mails, is due here on Sunday, at about noon.

The s.s. Mowara is due here from Shanghai on Friday at midday, with the Home mail via Siberia.

Mr. F. J. de Rome has reported to the police the theft from his house of a gold watch and other property valued altogether at \$87.

The Taiping, arriving from Australian ports and Manila, reports the death of one Chinese passenger on route, from natural causes.

The Harbour Office report for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. this morning gave 11 arrivals and 13 departures, British registering six and three respectively, leaving 64 vessels in harbour, British 30.

A workman at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery was seriously injured in a fall from the second floor of the old building within the refinery yesterday. His spine was injured and he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A wrist watch, which was found and handed over to the police at Pall Street, and a lady's handbag containing money and other property, left behind on a seat at the Star Ferry Wharf at Kowloon, are now in the custody of the police awaiting claimants.

During a quarrel between two cowherds at Wo Hop Shek Village, in the Sham Shui district of the New Territories on Monday, one of them, a boy of 16, was alleged to have been fatally stabbed by the other, who was only eleven years of age. The injured boy was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital where he died yesterday. The police have arrested his alleged assailant who will be produced before the Magistrate on a charge of murder.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Sept. 6.
Paris	124
New York	436.9/10
Brussels	34.91/2
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	89.45
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	18.53
Viena	34.48
Prague	163.3
Helsingfors	192.2
Madrid	23.75
Lisbon	2.7/16
Athens	36.7
Bucharest	79.5
Rio	5.27/32
Buenos Aires	48.3/64
Bombay	1/5.61/64
Shanghai	2/56
Hongkong	1/11.2
Yokohama	1/11.15/10
Silver (spot and forward)	25.45/10
—British Wireless.	

for restrictive action against trappers will, nevertheless, meet with a certain amount of sympathy, inasmuch as it will ensure that a proportion of game birds will be reserved for the man armed with a shot-gun. It is doubtful, though, whether the authorities can be expected to legislate merely so that sportsmen will have more to kill in areas already very much shot over. It would be more within the mark to expect legislation preventing cruel methods of trapping, or else designed to preclude the possibility of entire extermination of certain wild creatures. The Chinese villagers who trap game are exercising, we believe, a very old practice, which they have come to look upon as a right, and the machinery that would be necessary to check the practice in its entirety—particularly as much of it is done in the very early hours of the morning or at dusk—can hardly be worth while in a place which is not noted for its game. It would appear that the local sportsmen will have to be content with the very meagre "bags" they now experience, or else go in for the shooting of the species of barking deer that, proclaimed vermin long ago, are being ruthlessly killed, particularly in the New Territories, and so far have found none to champion their case. The writer recalls that his first impression of "sport" in this Colony was the sight of a party who had been out with dogs near Tai Po, about four years ago, and had shot a doe which was in young. Perhaps that was an isolated instance, but it left a somewhat poor idea of a type of sport to be obtained here, and eventually led to the disposal of treasured weapons of the chase which had been obtained in more favoured climes.

THAT CATCH OF THE SEASON.

[By Cynicus.]

At long last have I discovered the origin of those wonderful stories, which scaling the dizzy heights of human imagination, depict the landing of funny monsters by dikes of the great I. W.

In simple language, I refer to fishing stories. Stories of the highest sky-scrapers are dwarfed to puny insignificance when compared with the tall stories of scle-scrapers. But now I know that, like the authors themselves, fishing stories are born and not made.

I owe my enlightenment to an invitation to accompany two doughty anglers to silent waters where dwelt denizens as long as any well-stretched imagination. Far it is from me to bait with carpings criticism the sole ray of mine hosts' bliss, knowing full well that even a worm will turn at the sight of a tramped dace! Neither will I crab the place where these monsters (the denizens, not mine hosts) slate or perch, lest unthinking boisterous up further trouble for them. Goodness knows! They have a hard enough roe to hoe as it is!

Stealthily we stole along the edge of those silent waters until a clearing presented itself. Here a few silent glances at the unripped surface revealed that a fair sized herd had recently dispersed themselves, and we quickly got to work to ensnare as many as possible should they show signs of coming up for air. Tackle was assembled, and several large worms breathed a sigh of relief as they sank to the depths below, on their mission of enticing their prey to swallow, more than they could really be expected to chew.

It cannot be said that the sport was bad, for several large bass were dealt with in quick succession.

This, however, was merely by way of preliminaries, for mine hosts proceeded to steal back from the water's silent edge in order to assume the prone position (reversed). An hour or two passed, and, after anxious watching, a sudden yell and commotion in the jungle indicated that there was something doing. Hurriedly, I reached for my topee, but too late; crashing through the undergrowth towards me came an unfurled form, neither fowl nor beast, nor fish, but one of mine hosts excitedly yelling "I've got a bite!... A BITE!"

"Hurrah!" I encouragingly replied, thinking that at last should we really see a funny monster... but... alas, the only monster I beheld was an extremely funny one... mine host, who had been rudely awakened from dreaming of landing the catch of the season... by the bite of a hornet! Nevertheless, that was a big fish the poor fish dreamt about!

BROADWAY FOLLIES.

CLEVER SHOW AT THE QUEEN'S.

The Broadway Follies who have been giving audiences at the Queen's something newer in the character of vaudeville shows than usually seen here, improved, if that were possible, on their previous performances yesterday when they presented a complete change of programme.

There were practically full houses at all shows and the audience as fully enjoyed the spirit and verve with which some turns, notably the Exhibition Charleston, danced by two ladies of the Follies, were given. The Mexican Tango was cleverly performed by Miss Helen Cook and Mr. Kurowsky, who were warmly applauded. In the final item, described as a Warsaw Polka Burlesque, the Follies introduced a pantomime effect, and succeeded in thoroughly amusing all.

In the picture programme, Norma Shearer and Lew Cody, two established favourites with Hongkong picture-goers, combine pleasingly in "A Slave of Fashion," a well-acted production telling of the eternal craving of a woman for fine clothes. This picture was shown along with a Gaumont Graphic, and together with the Broadway Follies, constitutes a very attractive programme which will be again repeated at all performances to-day.

From the latest number of *Sporting and Dramatic*:

Two argumentative members of a club were holding a hot debate over the situation in the East. While they were wrangling, a mutual friend entered the smoking room and took a seat near the twain. One of them appealed to the newcomer. "Look here, Bill," he said, "perhaps you can help to settle this matter for us. The point at issue is this: To whom does Hongkong actually belong?"

The third man thought for a moment and then replied, "Well I'm not exactly certain at the moment, but I think it is trained by Alec Taylor."

The Very Idea!

From an American paper:— Little Willie used to bite his finger nails. We took him to a chemist. The medicine-man put arsenic on little Willie's finger nails.

It worked beautifully. Little Willie doesn't bite his finger nails any more.

There was an old man of Madrid,

Who ate 65 eggs for a quid.

When asked, "Are you faint?"

He said, "No, I ain't."

But I don't feel as well as I did."

An amusing story of Royal yachting at Cowes in bygone days is told by the veteran Earl of Meath. Once, when he was with Queen Victoria aboard her yacht, he noticed that the sailors were standing in knots, talking in whispers, and looking towards Her Majesty. Was there a mutiny, he wondered, and went to the captain to inquire.

"No," said the captain, "but Her Majesty is sitting upon the keg of rum, and it is time for the men to have their usual tot, which they can't get till she moves."

Lord Meath told the Queen, who smiled, and quickly changed her position.

Defendant (charged with use of obscene language): I never swear—not anywhere.

Magistrate: What a most singular person you are!

Detective (referring to articles destroyed in the C.I. Branch explosion): The beer did not go up, though. It was stored in another place.

Solicitor: It usually goes down!

Magistrate (to defendant charged with drunkenness): Fined 5/- or six hours.

Defendant (to policeman, as he is led from court): Can you lend me five "bob"?

Defendant (charged with stealing): I plead not guilty, and I want a remand for a week.

Magistrate: For what reason?

Defendant: Oh, I don't know. I'll plead guilty.

How far is it possible to trace the common cold back in history? It was a common ailment in Shakespeare's time—"Much Ado," "Cymbeline," "The Shrew," and "Cressida" have references to it—and a poem of about 1450 talks of a "cold in the head." The Romans knew it as Horace testified with his "nisi cum pituita molesta est." The Bible is less definite, though one might have presumed it to be first of all ailments when Adam and Eve were turned out of Paradise: it makes no mention

FROM DAY TO DAY
IN CANTON.OFFICIALS DEPARTING FOR
NANKING.

SEEKING NEW POSTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 6. Many officials are getting ready to depart for Nanking in order to attend the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang which will be held on the 15th of this month. As there are two sets of officials, one in Hankow and one in Nanking, it is necessary that one group have to drop out to effect the fusion of the two parties. The whole matter will be thrashed out at the forthcoming meeting, and several officials in Canton do not want to be left out of consideration for important posts.

It is understood that Mr. Koo Ying-fan, Minister of Finance, will soon leave Canton for the Nationalist capital, since he is very unpopular in this city on account of the recent financial crisis and his high-handed action in settling it. Mr. Sun Fo is reported to be anxious to take Mr. Koo's post while merchants here are endeavouring to persuade General Li Chai-sum to appoint one of his own men to be the Commissioner of Finance.

Money Easier.

With regard to the \$10,000,000 loan to be raised by the merchants and bankers, the Ministry of Finance has decreed that payment need not be made in a hurry and have extended the time for this purpose. Since the Central Bank resumed business this week, large crowds have been seen at the counters changing notes and buying bonds, etc. Some of them went to the Bank to change silver coins for notes while others paid in their share of the loan. So many creditors handled their money that the Bank clerks were unable to attend to them, hence more time is given in which to pay in this sum.

Mr. Lee Chee-ping, an important member of the Chamber of Commerce, who was detained, has now been released by Mr. Koo Ying-fan. It is now discovered that Mr. Lee had nothing to do with the trouble of the Bank, although he was confined in the Chamber for five days.

Military Dispositions.

General Chang Fat-fui, the so-called "Iron Commander," has not yet returned, despite a premature report of his arrival. It is stated that the "Iron Commander" is resting in Hongkong, although General Li Chai-sum has made repeated requests, asking his former subordinate to come to Canton.

Chang has been offered the post of Commander of the "Eight Route" Division, whose duty it is to subjugate the forces of Generals Yip Ting and Ho Lung, who are planning to capture Canton. Apparently, General Chang does not like to take up that post inasmuch as he has no picked troops of his own. Most of them perished in the campaign against Marshal Wu Pei-fu and later against Chang Tsueh-liang in Hionam, and the rest went over to General Yip Ting.

In military circles it is frankly admitted that very few military officers can match General Yip Ting and that Gen. Chang Fat-fui is the only commander who may possibly resist Yip, who was a former subordinate of Chang during the days of the Hankow regime.

THE WORLD PEACE
PROPOSAL.BRITISH ATTITUDE
EXPLAINED.

Geneva, Sept. 6. Sir Austen Chamberlain, interviewed, after announcing that he would have great pleasure in supporting Canada's candidature for membership of the Council of the League of Nations, referred to reports of a Polish proposal for a new security pact and expressed the opinion that there would be no advantage in such a proposal at present, but if the resolution should be proposed and unanimously accepted, the Assembly recommending the extension of the Locarno agreements to other parts of the world, and re-affirming the League's determination to maintain peace, he would gladly co-operate.

He emphasised that the British attitude on disarmament was unchanged. Despite the failure of the Geneva naval conference, they were nearer an agreement than before. There would probably be many conferences before they could reach the measure of disarmament they would like to see. —Reuter.

POOR MORTAR USED IN
BUILDING.TESTS ON ANGLO-CHINESE
CHURCH.

CONTRACTOR FINED \$250.

NANKING TAXES.

RELIEF FELT OVER
POSTPONEMENT.

THE EFFECT IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Sept. 2. Local business men breathed more freely yesterday than for several months past. The reason lay in the fact that the proposed Nationalist scheme of surtaxation, involving huge increases in duties upon imported goods, excise taxes and tonnage dues, did not come into force as scheduled. Announcement regarding the postponement was officially made by the Nationalist Bureau of Foreign Affairs on the last day of August but fear lurked in the minds of many merchants that this was simply an empty promise by the Nationalist Government and that when the time came efforts would be made to collect the increase just the same. Such was not the case however, and inquiry at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs last night confirmed the earlier announcement that the enforcement of these new taxes had definitely been postponed.

The charge was brought in respect of the erection of the Anglo-Chinese Church, which is being built on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,059, Ho Iuun Tin. The mortar used according to tests, broke under six pounds and eleven and a half pounds, respectively. The minimum weight required to be borne was 14 pounds.

The defendant pleaded that, as soon as his attention was drawn to the use of the mortar, he immediately used a better quality lime, which was from Saikung, where all the Government lime was obtained.

His Worship pointed out that the mixture was below strength, and imposed a fine of \$250, the defendant having been previously fined for a similar offence.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

YESTERDAY'S LENGTHY LIST.

Through being knocked down by motor-car No. 355, in Caine Road yesterday, a Chinese boy, 8 years of age, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, with injuries to his head.

Damage was caused to both vehicles in a collision between a motor-lorry and tramcar No. 59, on the Causeway Bay Road yesterday. No-one injured.

An accident occurred yesterday in Pokfulam Road where a motor-car, No. 1785, knocked down a small boy who was attempting to cross the road in front of the car. The victim received slight injuries and was not detained, after his injuries were dressed at the Government Civil Hospital.

Inspector C. Aris, while driving his small Austin four-seater along the Pingshan-Castle Peak Road yesterday, was involved in an accident which occurred as he approached the turning into Sun-hui Road. A lorry was seen to be stationed on one side of the road, and, sounding his horn as a signal, the Inspector was passing the stationary vehicle when, without warning, a boy darted across the roadway from behind the lorry. He was knocked down by the police officer's car, and received injuries which, however, were of only a superficial nature. He was not taken to Hospital.

Car In Nullah.

While Mr. H. M. Hendrikson, of the Orient Tobacco Factory, Kowloon, was endeavouring to turn a Morris Cowley car, No. 186, at a place popularly known as the Ten Mile Beach, along the Castle Peak Road, on Sunday, the front part dropped into a nullah which runs along the side of the road, and the vehicle stopped with only the rear part on the road.

The road is none too wide at this place, and it would appear that the mishap occurred owing to an error of judgment in driving the car too far forward.

The assistance of a number of passing motorists was asked for, and by the united efforts of about six men the car was got on to the road again.

The damage was negligible.

DARWIN'S HOME FOR
THE NATION.TO BE PRESENTED BY A
DOCTOR.

London, Sept. 6. Following Sir Arthur Keith's presidential announcement before the British Association, the other day, Doctor George Buckston Browne has telegraphed offering to buy Darwin's home for the nation, and the Association has accepted the offer.—Reuter.

A message of August 31 stated: Sir Arthur Keith, replying to a vote of thanks after his presidential address to the British Association, announced that the Council of the Association intended to arrange for the purchase of Charles Darwin's house and its surroundings, at Bromley, Kent, for the nation, as a memorial to Darwin.

Passengers for the North on the Sibon Maru, which left yesterday, were Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Lieutenant-Colonel E. B. Ferrers, Mr. G. Alabaster and Sir Victor Mackenzie.

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OF THE
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CINEMA'S VALUE IN
EDUCATION.ITALY PROPOSES A WORLD
INSTITUTE.

THE LEAGUE INTERESTED.

Geneva, Sept. 6.

The cinema may come into its own as a world force, following the announcement by an Italian delegate in the League Assembly that the Italian Government wishes to establish an international educational cinema institute at Rome, under the auspices of the League.

The Italian Government has offered the historic St. Amperia Palace to house the institute, and will also provide the first instalment of the money required for its establishment and maintenance.

The task of the institute will be the collection of information on problems affecting the cinema, and the provision of opportunities for mutual interchange of all films of educational value, for instance films dealing with historical and archaeological subjects.

The proposal was placed on the Assembly agenda.—Reuter.

SHORTER HOURS OF
SPINNING.MANCHESTER COTTON
ECONOMY.

London, Sept. 6.

A special meeting of the American section of the Cotton Spinners' Federation, at Manchester, recommended the curtailment of production by Saturday and Monday stoppage, or its equivalent, from September 10 until the end of October.

This means 13 hours of idleness each week.—Reuter.

Deplorable Position.

London, Sept. 6. "The deplorable position of the American branch of cotton spinning and manufacturing" was discussed by the economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, at a meeting called by the Cotton Yarn Association at Manchester.

Mr. Keynes expressed the opinion that it was scarcely possible to exaggerate the seriousness of the situation, and suggested summoning what might be termed an unofficial royal commission, composed of representatives of every section of industry, including operatives, to ascertain the costs of every stage of production, and consider mill reorganisation, capitalisation and reform, with a view to bringing Lancashire's organisation up to date, and putting it on a competitive basis with the rest of the world.—Reuter.

Tonnage Dues Increase.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS IN
NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 6.

The arrest of two Mexicans in connexion with the bomb explosion in an alley yesterday, has led to the discovery in a Brooklyn flat of two complete bombs and the materials for manufacturing ten others.

There was also a book by a Spanish police commissioner dealing with bomb-making, and some maps of New York marked with pencil at certain subway stations. Altogether four arrests were effected.—Reuter's American Service.

notable being the French mail liner, of the Messageries Maritimes, the s.s. Paul Lecat.

Tonnage dues were raised 50 per cent. and caused vigorous protests to be made through diplomatic channels to the various Home governments.

Less than a fortnight ago a "test" case was held in the British Supreme Court arising directly out of the Nationalist tax proposals and resulted in a decision virtually against the tax enforcers through their agents the Customs and through them, the shipping company which held imported goods against payment of the increase.

Yesterday in the United States Court for China another "test" case was halted "on the eve of judgment" when a message was received at the Court stating that the taxes had "been lifted." The case almost immediately exploded, the cause of action having been dispelled.

It has not been stated by any authority for how long the tax is to be postponed. It will probably be indefinitely.

INDIAN COTTON YARN
COMPETITION.A SERIOUS THREAT FROM
CHINA

PROTECTION PROPOSED.

Simla, Sept. 6.

In the Assembly, Sir George Rainy, the commerce member, moved a Bill to protect the manufacture of cotton yarn in India, imposing a duty of one and a half annas a pound on imported yarn.

He contended that this would only slightly benefit the Indian cotton industry, and not materially affect the interests of Indian handloom workers. The object of the Bill was to safeguard the Indian cotton industry against Japanese night work, double shift, and women workers competition, but the recent heavy increase in the importation of Chinese medium yarn must be considered as a question which was really one between the mills and the handlooms.

The Assembly must decide which interest was more important. The possible serious Chinese competition could not be ignored by the Government. He was of opinion that the interests of the cotton-mill industry ought to prevail. (Applause).

Mr. Neegy, representing the Dacca division, expressed apprehension lest Japan might retaliate on Indian pig iron.

Mr. Duraiswamy Ayyar, of Madras, objected to further concessions to the mill owners.

Mr. Jamnada Mehta, of Bombay, declared that he would vote against the Bill because it offered no real protection of mill owners.—Reuter.

CHANNEL SWIMMER

MRS. CORSON TRIES AGAIN.

London, Sept. 6.

Mrs. Corson, the American-Danish swimmer, in attempting to swim from England to France. She set off from South Foreland at one o'clock this morning. At two o'clock this afternoon she was making good progress but, later, the ebb tide was taking her down. Channel and rain was falling.

Mrs. Corson's attempt is interesting because she has already swum the Channel in the other direction, namely from France to England, having accomplished this in August last year. She is the mother of two children.—British Wireless.

P. & O. CAPITAL TO BE
INCREASED.ISSUE OF \$1,000,000 DEFERRED
STOCK.

London, Sept. 6.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company propose to increase their capital to \$7,632,000, by the issue of \$1,000,000 of additional deferred stock.

The new capital is required to pay for new tonnage, *et cetera*. An extraordinary meeting is to be held on September 14 to pass a resolution in this connexion.

The new issue will be made at a price of £200 per £100 of deferred stock.—Reuter.

A suspected thief, when challenged by a Chinese constable in the street, dropped the electric fan which he was carrying and took to his heels. The fan has been taken to the police station awaiting a claim by the owner.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers for those who need them will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- Who was the first Prime Minister, and how many have there been?
- Who is the only wicket-keeper to bowl with success in a Test Match against Australia?
- What is the original meaning of "to turn the table"?
- Why does a bluejacket wear a collar with three white stripes?
- Who loved to fold his legs and talk?
- Who built the Houses of Parliament?
- Whom do the Jacobites consider to be the rightful King of England?
- Who was called the Hammer of the Scots?
- Why is Australia so called?
- How many Lord Mayors are there in the British Isles?
- Whose last word was "Remember?"
- What blind man has sat in the Cabinet?

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HOME CRICKET.

HUGE SCORING IN
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

ALL GAMES DRAWN.

With the county championship concluded, interest in the realm of cricket at Home was centred on the representative matches which were started on Monday and finished yesterday. In both games no decision was arrived at during the two days and the matches were left drawn.

There was some huge scoring by the Players in their game with the Gentlemen while the South also knocked up a big score against the North. In all, five centuries were scored in the two matches, of which four were in the game between Players and Gentlemen.

The New Zealanders engaged eleven Welsh players in a drawn match.

The chief individual performances were:

Batting.

Chapman (for South) 149.
Holmes (for Players) 127.
Hobbs (for Players) 119.
E. Tyldesley (for Players) 116.
Jupp (for Gentlemen) 101.
* Not out.

Bowling.

Hearne (for South) 6 for 70.

NORTH V. SOUTH.

Folkestone Match Ends in Draw.

The Northerners batted first and were dismissed for 203 runs while their opponents replied with 450, for nine wickets (declared). After the North had lost three wickets in the seconds innings play was stopped leaving the match drawn. The scores were:-

North: 203 and 144 (for 3 wickets).

South: 450 for 9 wickets declared.

Hearne caused most of the damage to the Northerners in the first innings, taking six wickets for 70 runs, while Chapman batted soundly, contributing 149 without being defeated for the South.

PLAYERS' BIG SCORE.

Gentlemen Made to Follow On.

In the match between Players and Gentlemen, played at Scarborough, the professionals knocked up the huge score of 513 when the innings was declared. After some indifferent scoring by the Gentlemen, they were forced to follow on and gave a better account of themselves at their second venture. The scores were:-

Players: 513 (for 9 wickets declared).
Gentlemen: 271 and 204 (for 3 wickets).

Three of the Players between them contributed over 350 runs towards the huge total of 513. Ernest Tyldesley made 116, Hobbs, 119, and Holmes 127.

In the Gentlemen's second innings Jupp managed to reach his century before stumps were drawn, being 101 (not out).

THE NEW ZEALANDERS.

Play Drawn Match Against Wales.

Playing in North Wales, the New Zealanders engaged Wales in a match, time putting a stop to what would have undoubtedly been a very close finish.

After a lead of 52 runs, on the first innings, Wales declared in the second with their total standing at 182 for nine wickets. When stumps were drawn the tourists were a little over a hundred in arrears with eight wickets to fall. The scores were:

Wales: 182 and 183 (for 9 wickets declared).

New Zealand: 130 and 124 (for 2 wickets).

CHINA COAST
OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain A. Dockwray, from reserve, has gone master, Luenho. Captain J. M. Bain, of the Luenho, has gone master, Changwo.

Mr. J. Halkett, second engineer, Slangwo, is on reserve.

Mr. A. McN. Marshall, second engineer, Tingsang, is on reserve. Mr. J. W. Fisher, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Tingsang. Shipping and Engineering.

A complicated relationship problem was brought before Mr. Justice Hill and a common jury in the Probate Court. During the hearing of a case concerning the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Barker, widow, formerly of Grey Horse Inn, Old Town, Barnsley, it was said that a Mrs. Gilliat, a widow, married a Mr. Barker, a widower, and thus became Mrs. Barker. Two of Mrs. Barker's daughters by her first husband married two sons of Mr. Barker. Consequently two brothers married their two step-sisters.

THE ST. LEGER RUN
TO-DAY.

A NUMBER OF HORSES
SCRATCHED.

To-day sees the famous St. Leger run at Doncaster, and there will be considerable interest in the results, which will be available to-morrow. Last year, the St. Leger was won by Coronach, who also won the Derby and the Eclipse Stakes.

Reuter to-day cables the latest alterations to the probabilities and the latest scratchings, from which we compile the following list of horses which are likely to face the starter:

Booklaw (Blank).
Baralong (Steve Donoghue).
Jugo (J. Leach).
Prestre John (Beary).
Restigouche (Weston).
Start Second (H. Basley).
Maidstone (R. Jones).
Caporal (F. Fox).
Silver Stead (Gordon Richards).

The course is one and three quarter miles, and Booklaw, Lord Astor's horse, is nominal favourite.

Reuter cables the following names of horses to be omitted from the list of probables: Aran Chief, Gypay King, Chateau Palmer, Phideas Second, Damon, Facon, Caledon, Grey Mist, and Composure.

KOWLOON LADY
INJURED.

THROWN FROM RICKSHA IN
COLLISION.

A somewhat alarming accident occurred at the junction of Carnarvon Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, at about half past seven last evening, which resulted in Miss Forster, living in Cameron Road, being thrown from a ricksha into the road, fortunately without causing any serious injuries.

It appears that Miss Forster was riding in a ricksha along Nathan Road in the direction of Carnarvon Road. The ricksha swerved across the road to Carnarvon Road, and on the corner passed in front of a bus, with which it came into collision. There was a crash, the ricksha being knocked over on its side, and Miss Forster being thrown into the road, within six feet of the front wheels of the bus, which stopped immediately.

Assistance for the lady was forthcoming from Mr. H. W. Kelly, who was standing nearby at the time. He assisted her to her feet, and put her into another ricksha, which took her home.

It is understood that Miss Forster received injuries to the left side of her head and body. She did not go to hospital, but received medical attention at her home.

It is believed that the ricksha coolie was only slightly hurt.

Ricksha Puller Charged.

In connexion with the accident the ricksha puller appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of negligent driving.

Sergeant Wagland who prosecuted asked for a week's remand pending the recovery of Miss Forster who was unable to attend court this morning. Although she was not seriously injured, she suffered greatly from shock.

In describing the accident, Sergeant Wagland said that he himself was proceeding along Nathan Road from the direction of the ferry when two rickshas, one of which contained Miss Forster, suddenly dashed in front of his motor cycle, intending to turn into Carnarvon Road.

The defendant who was the second of the two had almost got across the road when a motor bus, travelling towards the ferry, came in to collision with the ricksha.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Wagland said that no blame whatsoever was attached to the bus driver.

The defendant was remanded for one week, bail being allowed in the sum of \$20.

News coins bearing the portrait of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen are being minted in Nanking. Approximately \$10,000 worth is destined for Shanghai.

An autograph presentation copy by Dickens of "Little Dorrit" to Clarkson Stanfield, "With affectionate regard from Charles Dickens, October, 1857," was sold for £630 at Hodges. The letter which accompanied the gift, beginning "Dear Stanny," and referring to the book as "an old little friend in a new frock," who has been long due, and who begs to be "kindly taken in," the "new frock" refers to the red morocco binding of the dedication copy.

RECRUITING IN
CANTON.

A NEW CAMPAIGN OPENS.

(A Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 6.

A recruiting campaign is set in this city. The Nationalist army requires more soldiers and it is up to every able-bodied man of Kwangtung to offer his services for the benefit of his country and nationalism, says the local government. Whether the men of Kwangtung will respond to this call remains to be seen but there is proof that the male population of Canton itself are not very keen on becoming soldiers, either temporarily or from a point of view of making the army a profession. When the news got about that many more men were to be pressed into service a few hundred coolies are known to have left the city, saying that when the scare dies down that they will return. They say that they can procure employment at Hongkong, Macao and other places in the meantime. On the other hand there are hundreds of eligible men still remaining here and, it is they, say the recruiting officers, who are wanted.

Two large recruiting offices have been erected in prominent places in the city and speeches are made daily inviting possible recruits to join up and make a name for themselves and their country. Pamphlets and handbills are scattered in the streets showing the glories of a life spent in the army. It is not the life that they will have to lead as soldiers that deters the men from enlisting but the fact that, whereas now they can earn sufficient money to enjoy life, the possibilities are that as soldiers they cannot claim payment for services rendered and, the Government being in a bad state financially, they may have to go for months without even the sight of a cent.

The writer witnessed a rather

amusing incident in connexion with this yesterday. A very eager re-

cruiting officer had got an elderly

coolie ricksha coolie into a corner

and was haranguing him for being

a man of fine physique and yet re-

luctant to join. The coolie, gesti-

cating, pointed out that he did not

mind joining if he thought that he

would receive ample payment for

doing so, realizing that promises

of money would in all proba-

bility be all that he would get. But

the officer was a wary one

and he immediately offered to ad-

vance the coolie cash if he would

join up there and then. The poor

coolie, imagining himself

beaten, racked his brains for an

excuse to still get away and even-

tually hit on this rather ingenious

plan. He compromised with the

officer, explaining that he had a

friend in more needy circumstan-

ces than himself, a friend who had

not been in employment for months,

and if the officer would excuse him he

would arrange with his friend to

accept the money and join up.

This plan was agreed to and carried

into action and to-day the friend

is a nationalist soldier whilst the

ricksha coolie goes his way.

ARREST OF HSINCHI
COMPRADEORE.

ECHO OF RECENT PIRACY.

Foochow, Sept. 1.

Captain Hanson of the Hsinchi, the China Merchant vessel which was pirated last week, interviewed, stated that there were 396 passengers on board when he sailed from Shanghai for Foochow. Thirty-six of these formed the pirate gang. They fired about 30 shots when the vessel was a day out from Shanghai and took complete command of the ship and ordered the captain to proceed to Hongkong. On the way they robbed the passengers and the captain.

On the arrival of the vessel at Foochow, the naval authorities here arrested the third compadore and are holding him on a charge of complicity.

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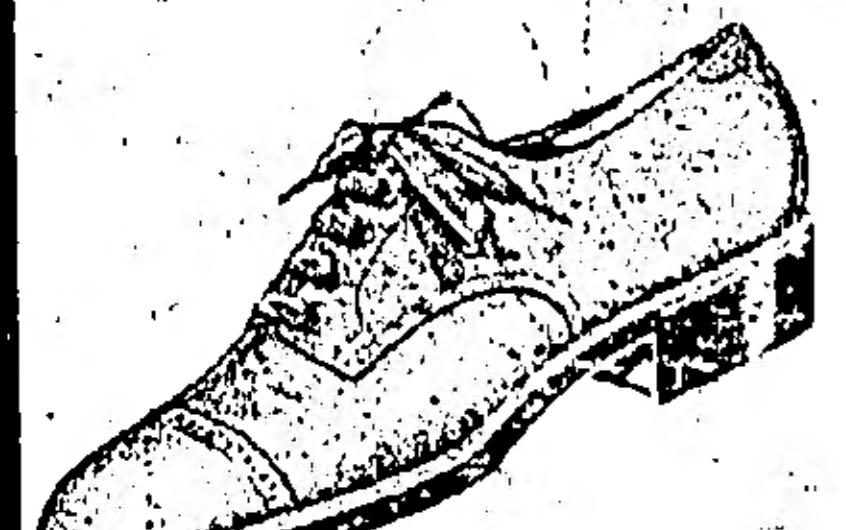
A NEW LOAN SUGGESTED.

New York, Aug. 31. The New York Post says that French Ambassador Paul Claudel has verified report that France soon will seek a fresh loan of \$100,000,000 in the United States.

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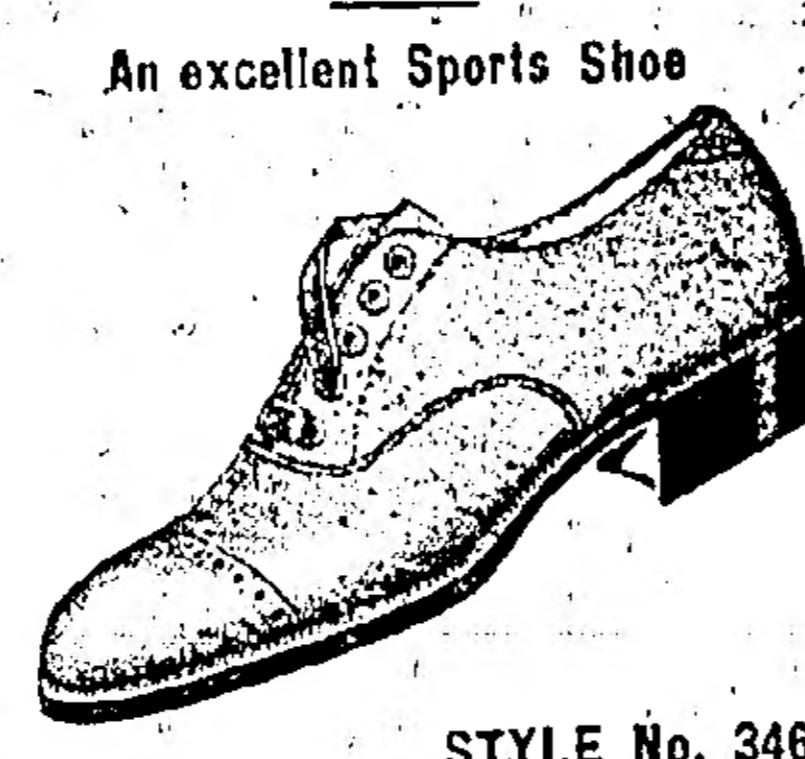
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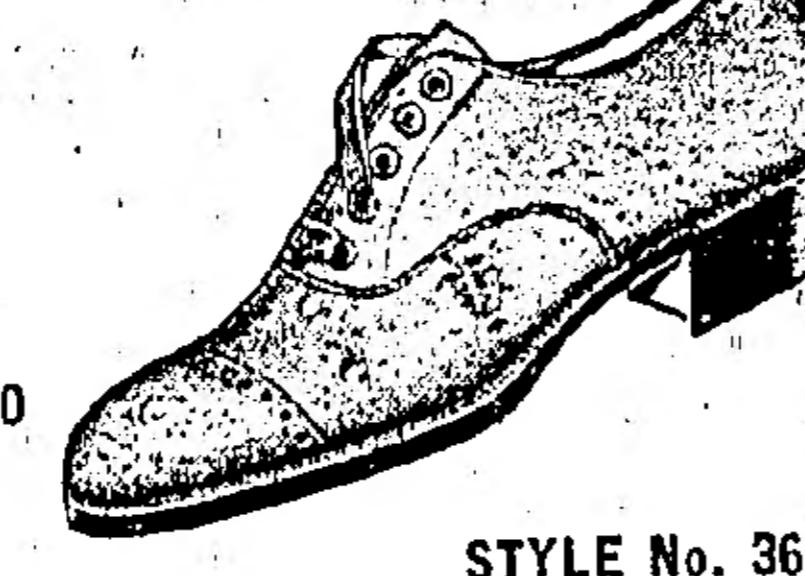


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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

(Continued from Page 9.)

ducts it was not easy to see that any steps taken to encourage local production, would greatly reduce the price. It was an old fallacy to try and make the foreigner pay. He thought the local man would always endeavour to keep his price just below the price of the imported stuff and would keep it there always.

He imagined in the course of the strike the New Territories reaped a golden harvest especially in vegetables. But as he said those were matters which he did not think concerned the Board or even the Committee which were given fairly wide powers. They could never hope that the New Territories would produce the live-stock that was needed, viz. 50,000 swine per month and about 4,000 cattle. The wildest optimist only could suggest that the New Territories could produce live-stock on that scale.

Mr. Braga's Reply.

In replying, Mr. Braga said he desired to thank the Chairman for the very comprehensive review of the activities of the Committee of the Board which, after being reproduced in the columns of the Press, would be an illuminating one to the public in general. He did not quite see eye to eye with the Chairman that it was not the concern of the Board as regards the matter of the prices of food-stuff. The mere fact of the Board having appointed a committee to deal with the question was a tacit consent on the part of the Board to more or less regulate in the interest of the community for the past two or three years the question of the prices, although he recognised that there was no statutory enactment that would force that duty upon any member of the Committee or the Board.

Nevertheless, it was such an important question affecting such a large number of persons in Hongkong that the Board might usefully have used its influence in controlling prices. He did not quite agree that there was competition in Hongkong markets. He said he spoke from personal knowledge. He had been into the market and had made it a point to enquire at the various stalls, fish, meat, vegetables and fruit, and it was a curious coincidence that starting from one stall in the fruit department one goes the length of the entire block to find practically the same prices prevailing. That was quite unlike anything one could get, say in Ice House Street, or in any other department of activity in the economic life of the Colony.

Not so very long ago he had received a letter from a Chinese of Hongkong, a man whom he did not know. The letter suggested the idea of bringing to the notice of the Board the absence of anything like an official scale in the public markets of Hongkong. At first, he confessed, he could not see the force of the argument of the absence of a scale. He invited the Chinese gentleman for a conference and the latter pointed out to him the grievances of the Chinese servants in the vegetable and fish sections. A certain quantity of a presumed weight was given to the servants and they were generally told to take it or leave it. If there could be an official scale in the market for use at a nominal price, such a contrivance would be of extreme advantage to the people who had to buy from Hongkong markets.

It was arranged to bring the matter before the Board and he thought that was an opportune moment to do so, and he should be grateful if the Chairman could in some way meet the request of this Chinese gentleman.

Government Assistance.

In the matter of New Territories, they were not all wild optimists, yet they were sanguine enough to believe that under the fostering care of the Hongkong Government farmers of the New Territories might be induced to produce a good deal more than they had done in the past. They stood Hongkong in good stead during the first months of the troubles in 1925. He had no doubt that given the necessary facilities and encouragement, vegetables, at any rate, could be produced at larger quantities and in the end sold at competitive prices against the importer.

As for swine and cattle, that of course, would in time develop. The cost of transport, especially by rail, had been much too high and if, as a result of the discussion that afternoon, the Board could induce the railway authorities to reduce prices, they would have done a service to Hongkong.

The chairman remarked that the police had always in fact almost daily kept their eyes open and prosecution for deficient scales and short weight was a daily matter at the police courts.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

POLICE RAID WHICH PREVENTED MURDER.

Receiving information that the fifteen-year-old son of a wealthy rice merchant was to be murdered last night by his kidnappers, a squad of police under Detective Sgt. Telfer of the Special branch, raided a Chinese house situated in an alleyway of Kungping Road, Shangai, says the *N. C. D. News* of August 31. Not only did the police release the captive but they arrested four men and a woman after a storm fight in which the police were compelled to draw their revolvers and open fire, firing some 10 shots before the gang were apprehended. The gang were in the house when the police arrived and in their mad rush to escape, one of the kidnappers broke his ankle as a result of jumping off a roof, and another was wounded by a shot from the police whilst he was running down the alleyway.

The gang were taken entirely by surprise. The boy was kidnapped on July 30 and has been in the hands of his captors for over a month. The gang held their young prisoner for a ransom of \$200,000 and notified the parents by letters of their demands. In the absence of a settlement, the kidnappers intimated to the distressed father and mother that failing the production of the money demanded, the boy was to be done to death at midnight last night.

The police, well aware of the existence of a well organized gang of kidnappers, operating not only in Shanghai but in Nanking, Soochow and other towns, have been untiring in their efforts to ascertain the headquarters of these men and are to be highly congratulated on their raid yesterday at least one of the haunts of the gang, liberating as they did an innocent boy who would have most certainly met his death last night but for the commendable investigations of Detective Sgt. Telfer and his associates.

"JACK SHEPPARD" OF PARIS.

CONE RIGHT AWAY ON THIRD ESCAPE.

Paris, Aug. 4.—A young burglar named Louis Tamisier established a record yesterday when he escaped from prison for the third time.

Charged with several burglaries in the region of Chartres, Tamisier was arrested there in May. That same evening he escaped through a hole he had made in the ceiling of the old cell in which the police had put him.

He was recaptured a few days later, and sent to a stouter prison at Chartres, where he was carefully watched. The next day, while he was being taken to the court in the prison van, this modern "Jean Sheppard" quietly

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTHE.

EXPERIMENTS ON RATS WITH FOODS.

"VIGOUR" DIET USELESS.

In an attempt to determine the various factors that modify the vigour of an individual, workers in the laboratory of the department of physiology of the Ohio State University have conducted a series of experiments during the past three years.

The tests have been made on white rats in small house cages with which were connected revolving cylinders. In these the rats could exercise at any time they felt the notion. The revolutions of the cylinders were automatically recorded.

The observations made upon hundreds of rats indicated that the energy expenditure in running these cylinders serves as a rather accurate criterion of the animals' tendency to exercise.

The studies revealed that the animals, like human beings, differ greatly as to the times they choose to exercise, the amount of exercise they may take at any given period, and the effects of light and all sorts of environmental factors on the amount of their exercise.

Special studies were made on all of the organs of the body to find out their importance in relation to the factors commonly understood, under the word "vigour."

It was found that the thyroid and parathyroid were not directly concerned in the production of vigour, since removal of these glands from the body or the feeding of the glandular extract did not materially affect the animal's exercise.

Removal of some of the adrenal glands above the kidneys had a definite effect in producing weakness, the capacity of the muscles being reduced to one-sixteenth of the normal, but feeding of extracts of these glands did not have any beneficial effect on the animal's activity.

Here is scientific evidence, as to the lack of any reasonable basis for the use of any of the preparations of the glands of various types that are sold with the claim that they will restore vim, vigour and vitality.

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BANGKOK-HONGKONG.

A SIAM GROUSE ABOUT THE MAIL SERVICE.

A correspondent to the *Bangkok Times*, signing himself "Business," writes as follows:

Both the Bangkok and Hongkong Post offices seem to be trying to make the mail service between these ports as bad as possible. The last American mail was despatched from Hongkong on a slow boat travelling via Swatow and Hoihow, ignoring several steamers departing about the same time which arrived here much earlier. And now the local Post Office is trying to follow the bad example of the Hongkong Office. The following information is copied from the official reports of the Customs and the Post and Telegraph Department.

Customs Report Post Office Report

Names of Steamer	Despatch of Daily Mails
Knut Hamsun	NN
Hellikon	Hellikon
Havdrot	Nil
Hellas	Hellas
Skuld	Nil
Daviken	Nil
Chang Tai	Nil
Halldor	Nil
Dampto	Nil
Clara Jebsen	Clara Jebsen

Out of ten steamers departing to date this month for Hongkong, mail was despatched on only three, and these three travelling by indirect routes. It would be difficult to imagine how worse service could be given and it would be interesting to know what explanation the Post and Telegraph officials can give. I can imagine no valid excuse. This Department can readily obtain information as the departure and destination of all steamers from the Customs, as all steamers are cleared through the Customs or two days before departure.

The pageboys at the Hotel Cecil recently lined up, according to size, to compete in a list to find out, not only their knowledge of their duties, but if they were neat in appearance, smart in movement, accurate of memory and good of dictation. Page 14—Jimmy Chaney—the smallest on parade, with a voice that was louder and clearer than any, was the winner. For eight names were chosen, but Jimmy triumphed with all manner of tongue-twisters. His prize was a medal and a silver watch.

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A RUSSIAN BURGLAR KILLED.

SHOT WHEN ROBBING HOUSE AT SHANGHAI.

A PORTUGUESE CHARGED:

Shanghai, Sept. 2. Waking up on hearing a tapping sound in his bedroom at four o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Francisco Maria Guedes, a Portuguese residing at 49, Kungping Road, pulled a gun from underneath his pillow and fired two shots at a moving figure in his room. He then jumped out of bed and switched on the light and discovered that he had shot Boris B. Borsky, a Russian locksmith trying to burgle his house and wardrobe. Both shots had entered Borsky's chest.

Mr. Guedes ran downstairs to tell the servants to call up the police. While downstairs he heard Borsky moving about upstairs. He started to return upstairs and when half way up met Borsky at the top. Guedes took careful aim and fired a third shot at the burglar, hitting him in the neck. Borsky fell down and died shortly after.

Wayside police were summoned and removed the body from the house. A search of deceased's pockets revealed a quantity of jewellery belonging to Guedes and a box containing a manicure set locked ready to carry away.

Feared Man Was Armed.

Guedes stated at the inquest yesterday that he thought Borsky was armed as he carried a torch in his hand but failed to light it and in the darkness it looked like a weapon. The tapping sound he heard, and which he first thought was a cat, was Borsky trying to pick the lock of the wardrobe. He shouted "Veh lau doong!" (don't move), to the burglar, but the latter backed away and made no reply. Whereupon Guedes fired. When the police arrived the neighbours told them that there were two more burglars on the roof, but a search failed to find them.

At the inquest a verdict was returned by Judge Yu and Deputy Meinhardt that deceased met his death from shot fired by Mr. Francisco Maria Guedes while deceased was burgling the home of Guedes. The body was ordered to be removed by the Municipal Health Department unless relatives of the deceased can be found.

Mr. Guedes appeared before the Portuguese Consular Court yesterday morning before the Provisional Court proceedings charged with the killing of Borsky. He was remanded on bail pending the result of the inquest. Vice Consul Bothelo testified to this yesterday.

MILITARY TATTOO AT SHAMEEN.

VOTED AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS.

Canton, Sept. 6. It is estimated that between four and five hundred people assembled to witness the open air tattoo and display presented by a Company of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. regiment at Shameen last evening, in this way showing their appreciation and undoubted interest in this effort on the part of the troops.

The main attraction of the evening was certainly the very fine band of 25 pipers and drummers whose playing of Scottish airs throughout the evening came in for rounds of applause. A touch of realism, from a point of view of war, was supplied by the display of gun-drill given by "C" Company machine gunners, and a section of the H.K.S. Battery R.G.A.

Exhibitions of highland dancing by the pipers was another item on the programme receiving well-deserved applause, the solo dances, the Highland Fling and Sailor's hornpipe by Pipe-Major Mackie being of a high order. The community singing also deserves special mention and the Company are to be complimented on their excellent training with regard to song. "The King," followed by the troops marching off, the salute being taken by H.B.M. Consul, brought this extremely fine programme to a close.

A happy little incident, and an impromptu one, was the singing of a new song, at least new to Shameen, "Good night, good night. I'll see you in the morning" as the Tammies marched away, the fact that they were to see their friends, the residents, much earlier than that not being anticipated by the soldiers. But the Committee of the Canton Club had prepared a little surprise for the troops and they were entertained to refreshment after the display.

The pipe-band returned to Hongkong by the s.s. *Taishan*.

RUBBER SHARES.

DIVIDENDS AND QUOTATIONS.

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Raub Report.

We append a summary of the working of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd. for the year ended 31st March, 1927:

The tonnage of ore crushed for the year amounted to 14,380 tons, somewhat less than in the previous year, partly due to the restricted working occasioned by the phenomenal floods which took place towards the close of 1926. The average Gold recovery shewed improvement on the previous year, and the revenue from this source exceeded the amount earned in the preceding twelve months by £3,434.

The surface Gold dredging operations have been commenced since the close of the year, but the Sempam tin operations have been further delayed pending finalisation of arrangements with the Government. The General Manager expresses satisfaction with the prospects of the year which has been entered upon.

The board recommend that a dividend of 1/- per share should be declared absorbing £10,000, the balance of £18,161.2 being carried-forward.

It is safe to say that had the flood not interfered with working conditions a further 1300 ozs of bullion would have been recovered for the year, a large proportion of which would have been profit, but as this gold is still in our reserves of one the loss of profit is only temporary and will be obtained in the next year's work.

Raub Electric Light: An agreement has been arranged with the Government to provide electric current for lighting Raub township and a satisfactory Revenue will be derived from this source.

RUSSIANS' TRIAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Still Wanted Back.

Shanghai, Sept. 7.

In connexion with the question of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's resignation, it is stated in an official report from Canton that a telegram has been sent out by General Li Chai-sun to Chiang Kai-shek, asking him to cancel his resignation. It is also reported that General Li will send a representative to Chekiang to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on the matter.

Nan Chung Pan.

WOOSUNG FORTS.

Prepared for Attack.

A vernacular paper at Shanghai stated last Thursday that the Shanghai Defence Commissioner has ordered the Commander of the Woosung Forts to be prepared in the event of an attack on the forts by the Tsingtao Squadron.

Rumours that the attack would be made has resulted in the order that between dusk and daybreak no vessels, with the exception of merchant craft, will be permitted to enter or leave the port.

BOYCOTT ENDING.

Japan's Troop Withdrawal.

Shanghai, Sept. 2.

According to the *Sin Wan Pao*, the anti-Japanese boycott is nearing an end.

COMING TO HONGKONG.

William Brock (at left) and Edward Schlee (right) are expected here on Friday, on their world flight.



SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of loco share quotations issued to-day:

Bank.

Hongkong Bank, \$1077/80 sa
Chartered Bank, £20 n.

Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.

Mercantile C., \$134 n.

P. and O., \$98 b.

East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 s.

China Underwriters, \$1.30 n.

North China, Tls. 143 n.

Union Ins., \$295 b.

Yangtze Ins., \$40 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$210 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 s.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$33 b.

H. K. Steamboats, \$11 s.

H. K. Tugs, \$60 s.

Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.

Shell Trans., \$22 n.

Star Ferries, \$54.60 b.

Waterboats, \$17 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$15 s.

Malabons, \$32 s.

Mining.

Benguets, \$1.70 n.

Kailans, 49/- b.

Langkats, Tls. \$17½ b.

Shai Exploration, Tls. 3 n.

Shanghai Loans, Tls. 6 n.

Raubs, \$4 b.

Tronhos, 19/3 n.

Ural Caspians, 5/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$112½ b.

Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.

Hongkew, Tls. 143 b.

New Engineering, Tls. 4½ b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 92 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, 6½ n.

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Realty, \$6 s.

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Princes Bldgs., \$95 b.

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Cottons.

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Miscellaneous.

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Macau Electrics, \$37 b.

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LEPERS CAN BE COMPELLED.

HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION DENIED.

COMPULSORY SEGREGATION.

The decision of Judge Pedro Concepcion, of the second branch of the court of first instance of Manila, sustaining the law authorizing the segregation of lepers in the islands, and denying the petition of Angel Lorenzo, the leper, for habeas corpus by requiring the trial court to receive evidence if leprosy is or is not a contagious disease, was upheld yesterday by the supreme court, says the *Manila Bulletin* of Friday. The petitioner alleged his confinement in San Lazaro hospital was in violation of his constitutional rights.

"For more reasons than one," Mr. Justice George A. Malcolm, who penned the decision, states, "we think that Judge Concepcion took exactly the correct stand in deciding this test case." Judicial notice, he says, will be taken of the fact that leprosy is commonly believed to be an infection disease tending to cause one afflicted with it to be shunned and excluded from society, and that compulsory segregation of lepers as a means of preventing the spread of the disease is supported by high scientific authority.

Upon this view, Mr. Justice Malcolm holds, laws for the segregation of lepers have been provided the world over. Similarly, he says, the local legislature has regarded leprosy as a contagious disease and has authorized measures to control "the dread scourge." To that forum, he adds, must the petitioner go to reopen his question.

According to the decision, the law here pertaining to the segregation of lepers is found in Article XV. of chapter 37 of the Administrative Code. Codal section 1058 empowers the director of health and his authorized agents "to cause to be apprehended and detained, isolated, or confined all lepers, all leprosous persons in the Philippine Islands. Section 1058 of the Administrative Code was enacted by the legislative body in the exercise of the police power which extends to the preservation of the public health.

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TSINGTAU	Swatow & S'hai	Kwaisang	Sun.	11th Sept at 10 a.m.
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THE THAMES BRIDGES.

EXPERTS AND CHARGING CROSS SCHEME.

A good deal of water has flowed under the Thames bridges since the report of the Royal Commission on Cross-River Traffic was presented last December, and received with expressions of widespread approval.

The subsequent delay in achieving agreement whether—or rather to what extent and in which order—the recommendations of the Commission are to be carried out is in marked contrast to the expedition with which the report was prepared. So far as the public are aware, very little, if any, progress has been made since the end of May. Some light was thrown on the situation at the meeting of London County Council, says the *Times*.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council's Improvements Committee was able to give reassuring information on the subject of Waterloo Bridge. There was no change, he said, in its condition since July of last year, and no danger of any further collapse. Rumours published to the contrary effect had no foundation in fact, and were not authorized by any officer of the Council. On the other hand, the Vice-Chairman's reply to a further question—namely, whether the Improvements Committee could do anything to hasten a decision in the case of the proposed road-and-rail bridge at Charing Cross—was less satisfactory.

The work of the Advisory Committee appointed to carry out the investigations is proceeding, but no report of their conclusions is to be expected for some months. It appears also that the Southern Railway Company, while willing that their engineer should render any assistance which may be required, do not agree that he should serve on the Committee or should sign any report on the scheme.

Waterloo Bridge Affected.

At the present moment it is on the findings of the Committee of Experts, appointed to report on the cost and engineering problems of the Charing Cross Bridge, that the whole further progress of the scheme recommended by the Lee Commission depends. The London County Council announced in May that they were ready to proceed with the reconstruction of Waterloo Bridge directly they knew for certain that there was to be a bridge at Charing Cross; but that they were not prepared to go on with one part of the scheme until they were sure that the other part would be carried out. There was, and is, a perfectly sound and wise decision.

The Lee scheme, if it is to be of real value in the solution of London's traffic problems, must be regarded and carried out as a complete whole, with close interdependence between its various parts. After prolonged consideration it was generally agreed that the proposed two-storeyed bridge at Charing Cross was the key to the situation, and that its

HAPPENINGS AT NINGPO.

HOW A GENERAL LEFT.

Ningpo, Aug. 30. A cholera epidemic has been running for about a week but the cases are many less than last year. It began late and will probably not last long.

General Wang has been transferred from Ningpo to Amoy and on the eve of his departure he prepared to make his trip comfortable by commandeering a ship. He first decided on a ship commanded by a British captain but the captain said he would resign before he would take the risks of a sea voyage in the ship decided upon, because she is not an ocean-going boat and there were too many risks of encountering typhoon weather.

Being checked in this quarter he picked a smaller but more seaworthy boat, under the command of a Chinese captain. The crew of this boat threatened to strike if they were obliged to go to Amoy because they feared the run under a man who was unfamiliar with it. They were silenced, five hundred tons of coal were brought and put aboard, and the boat swung out into mid-stream. This took some five days time and then the General decided to go to Shanghai instead of making the trip direct from Ningpo. He released the steamer and then lost more days unloading the coal again in order to take her usual complement of passengers on the Shanghai run. The officers of the navigation company in question have more than one word to say about the military. But General Wang was gone.

Last week a big boat brought in a cargo of rifles, field pieces and ammunition. They were unloading all day and all night but I did not learn its destination, although rumour has it that it is to go to Hangchow, via Shaoxing. An amusing incident occurred during the unloading when an officer received a soldier for the manifestly awkward manner in which he was landing the rifles he was unloading. With a splendid gesture he took a rifle from the hands of the awkward soldier with the remark, "This is the way to handle a rifle!" Unfortunately let it drop on the stone paved bund and it snapped short off at the stock. His demonstration brought forth roars of laughter in which he did not join but he turned away and left the awkward soldier to continue in his ungainliness.

The city is quiet and a bit apathetic over the situation. People's enthusiasm has burned low and there is little spirit in the rise or fall of various parties and factions.

construction, if it was to be constructed, must consequently be the first section of the work to be put in hand. It follows, therefore, that, until the report of the Committee of Experts has been received, the execution of the whole scheme, so far at all events as it applies to Central London, will be indefinitely suspended.

The *Krasnaya Gazeta* publishes varied reports in connexion with the centenary of Tolstoi's birth. Several new editions of his works will be issued, though the complete edition will probably not be finished in time. A new special issue of Romain Rolland's well-known book on Tolstoi is in preparation. The Tolstoi Museum has just been enriched by a number of highly valuable MSS. of the author, including the original MS. of "War and Peace."

MESOPOTAMIAN WAR MEMORIAL.

COLONNADE AND OBELISK AT BASRA.

The memorial to the British and Indian soldiers who fell in the Mesopotamian Campaign, which is now being erected on the water-side at Basra, will be as striking and as dignified as any when it is completed a few weeks hence.

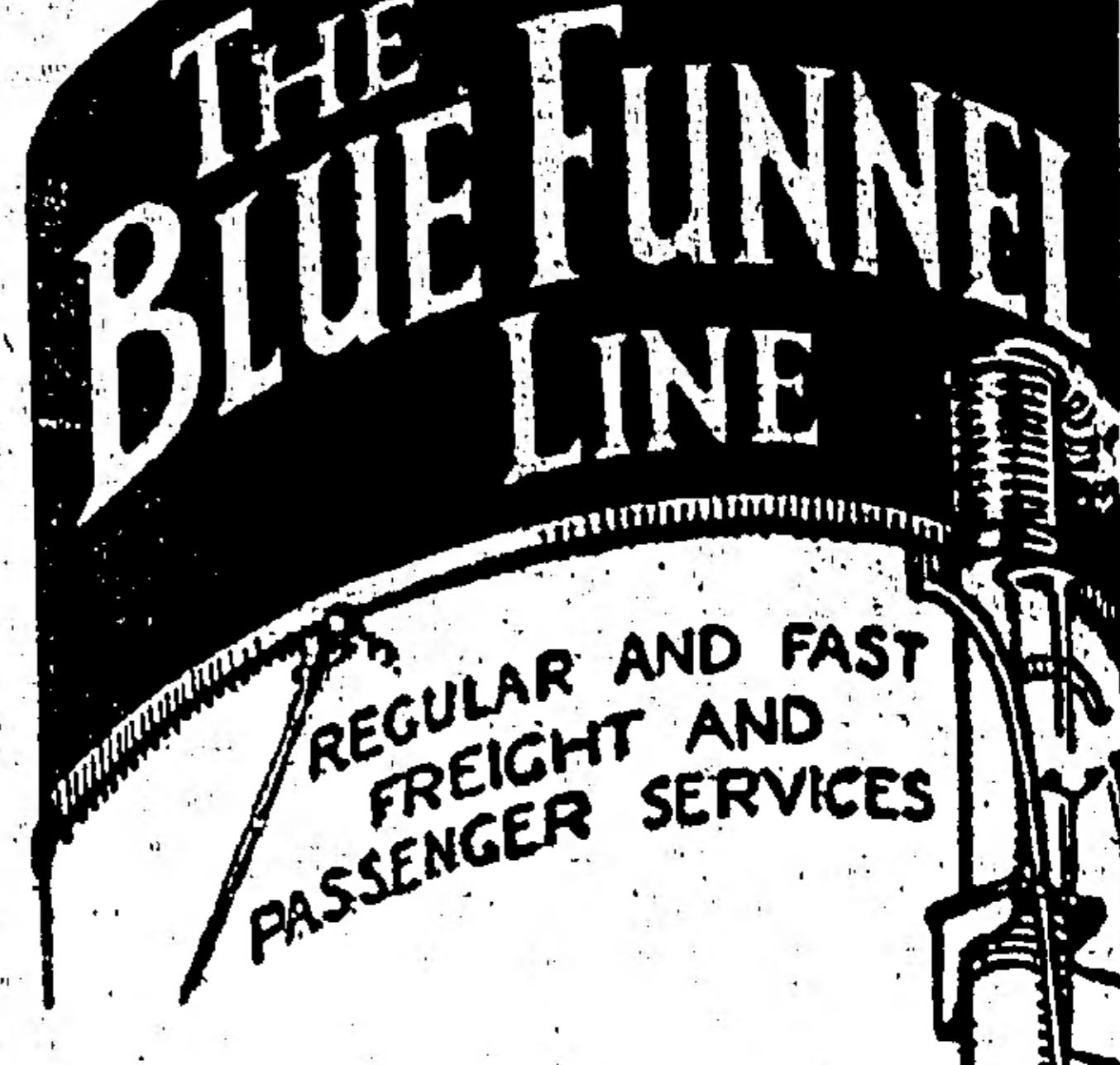
It was designed by Mr. Edward Warren for the Imperial War Graves Commission, and is in the form of an arched colonnade, with an obelisk, 50ft. to 60ft. high, as the central feature. Pylons at regular intervals obviate any monotony which might otherwise have attached to the colonnade, the columns of which are of pink stone, supported by ornamental pillars. The pink stone is a happy touch, for the delicate colour, pleasantly relieving the greyish background, prevents undue ponderousness. At the back of the colonnade there will be polished slate panels inscribed with the names of the fallen and the missing.

From the waters of the Shatt el Arab the edifice will be a particularly striking sight. In the years to come sailors sailing up and down between the winding palm-fringed miles of river will come suddenly upon this pile, rearing itself imposingly on the bank, fringed by its green garden.

Work has begun on the memorial by the local Works and Buildings Department towards the close of last summer. Considering the difficulties which had to be overcome, it is surprising that it has gone so well ahead in so short a time. Great trouble was experienced at the start in finding a foundation, and finally 40ft. reinforced concrete piles had to be driven in. As Iraq is a stoneless land, every stone used in the memorial has had to be brought from Delhi already fashioned and numbered. Here they were trimmed and put into position. The inscribed panels are being made in England.

All the work here is being done by local labour, assisted by skilled Indians under skilled British supervision. As the memorial is the most elaborate piece of stonework in the country, the building of it is providing a unique educational opportunity for the natives. No official statement of the cost is available, but it is believed that it will be about £30,000.

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START ON WORLD'S BIGGEST HOP.



This shows Lloyd Bertaud (at right) and J. D. Hill (left) who have hopped off from America for Rome in a Fokker monoplane (shown above).

BIG LOCAL WIRELESS FEAT.

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station was particularly anxious to be heard in Australia. "Hello Australia" was announced several times during the programme.

Mr. Taylor retired about two o'clock, having had an experience which probably no other local amateur has had. He has previously received the Australian Station, but this was when they were transmitting on the usual broadcast band wavelength and when the reception was of much poorer quality than last night.

Only Two Valves.

In conversation with a *Telegraph* representative this morning Mr. Taylor said that reception from both Melbourne and Eindhoven was extraordinarily clear. Every word could be heard against a background of silence, there being very little atmospheric disturbance at the time.

Asked what receiver he was using Mr. Taylor said that only two valves were in use, the first acting as detector and the second as a low frequency amplifier, no high frequency valve being included in the circuit of the receiver.

"It is, in fact," said Mr. Taylor, "a purely experimental receiver which I have just knocked together. I used it in connexion with an aerial which is about 40 feet long and 5 feet high."

When he formerly received Australia he used a five valve receiver. Transmission on that occasion was on a wavelength of between 250 and 300 metres. Mr. Taylor has now completely satisfied himself that the reception of Australian stations in Hongkong is possible and he intends to continue in his work and discover exactly what other broadcasting stations can be received in Hongkong.

A Dream Coming True.

Mr. Taylor has reported the results of this morning's productive vigil to the Hongkong Radio Society which will communicate with the Australian Station and ask for confirmation of the programme as received by Mr. Taylor. The Dutch Station will also be communicated with. Records of results obtained by local amateurs are being kept by the Radio Society and in time it is hoped to collect sufficient data to enable local amateurs to know what results they might expect from stations many miles away.

Mr. Taylor's results once again show that wireless reception in Hongkong from foreign stations is more than possible, and with the almost daily developments in short wave radio it is not too much to hope that the time will come when wireless concerts direct from Home can be received in Hongkong more or less regularly.

The skeleton of a finely-built man was unearthed at Sittingbourne by workmen while excavating for an underground petrol tank. The skeleton, which is evidently of considerable age, was found 2ft. below the surface in what used to be the garden of a private residence, alongside the old Watling Street. One theory is that it may be the skeleton of a pilgrim on his way to Canterbury. Roman remains have been dug up in the garden previously.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to these questions:

- Robert Walpole: 50. 2. Hon. A. Lyttelton: 8. To the last to alter luck.
- To commemorate the Nile. Cenotaph and Trafalgar. E. Dr. Johnson: 6. Sir Charles Barry: 7. Rupert of Hentzau: 8. Edward I: 9. From Australia: South Africa: 10. 11. Charles I: 12. Fawcett: Postmaster-General.

LIQUOR TEST ACTION
INTERLUDE.EFFECT OF LIFTING THE
SURTAX.

TLLS. 200,000 WORTH FREED.

A telephonic communication from the Shanghai Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, received at the United States Court for China during the hearing of a "test" case involving the release of foreign-imported liquor without payment of the Nationalist luxury tax of 30 per cent., was responsible for the hearing being adjourned since die by Commissioner J. E. Lurton on Thursday. The message stated that Mr. Quo had withdrawn the 30 per cent. surtax and was sent in by Attorney W. Y. Char, law partner of Mr. H. D. Rodger, counsel engaged to watch the case on behalf of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs.

It is understood that immediately upon hearing of Mr. Quo's decision, several wine and spirit merchants, sitting at the rear of the Court listening to the proceedings, immediately got in touch with their offices and before two hours had passed had succeeded in securing the release from bond of nearly Tls. 200,000 worth of wines and spirits. One firm is said to have obtained possession of approximately Tls. 180,000 worth.

Another little sidelight connected with the affair has it that Commissioner Quo re-imposed the surtax within two hours of its withdrawal, presumably when news of the speedy withdrawal of the liquor reached the Bureau.

Plaintiffs in this case were Messrs. Longfellow and Adams, represented by Mr. F. J. Schuh, and defendants the Robert Dollar Steamship Company. Plaintiffs sued for alleged wrongful detention of goods which they had imported by defendant's ships at present being held in the godowns of the Robert Dollar Company. Mr. Stirling Fessenden appeared for the Robert Dollar Company.

It appears from an opening statement by plaintiff's counsel, says the *Shanghai Times*, that Longfellow and Adams imported 25 cases of San Miguel beer. On August 19 a representative of the plaintiffs in the presence of an official of the United States Consulate, tendered to the agent of the Maritime Customs, at the Customs Bank (Bank of China), the sum of Haikuan Tls. 144.53, covering import, surtax, luxury, wharfage and conservancy dues.

The Customs Bank refused to endorse the duty memo for the beer without payment of the additional 30 per cent. tax, as demanded by the Nationalist Government of Nanking.

This the plaintiffs refused to pay and forthwith visited the defendants to take delivery of the goods. Delivery was refused.

Witnesses produced by the plaintiffs included Mr. W. A. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer of Longfellow and Adams, who declared his firm's willingness to pay all legal dues, and Mr. R. Y. Javia, of the U. S. Consulate who testified that he saw Mr. Adams pay Tls. 144.53 to the Customs Bank on August 19, which the Bank refused to accept. The General Manager of the Robert Dollar Company stated, and in this was corroborated by another official from that company, that there was a bond between his firm and the Chinese Maritime Customs by which they guarantee the payment of all dues levied by the

DAY BY DAY.

It is reported that the M. M. Andre Lebon, which has been in the builders' hands for a year, undergoing a thorough modernisation and conversion from a coal into an oil burning steamer, will be on the Eastern run again in October.

The fourth extra race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao has been indefinitely postponed in order to allow repairs to be made to the track and re-modelling the Parimutuel department. The next extra race meeting will be run sometime next month.

A motor-car and loaded truck apparently got in the way of one another in Morrison Hill Road this morning, with the result that the car ran into a tramway standard, which was snapped right across near its base. The car was seriously damaged by the impact, one wheel being completely wrenched off.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 1/11 9/16
Lighting-up 6.35 p.m.

Customs on merchandise stored in their godowns.

Previous Case Cited.

At this stage Mr. Schuh requested the Court to order delivery of the cargo under dispute, pointing out that in many respects the case resembled that recently heard in the British Court the decision in which went in favour of the plaintiffs. Counsel declared that the additional 30 per cent. tax was an "express violation of the treaties entered into between China and the United States" and pointed out that the proper way to compel payment of such a tax was not by detaining goods in godowns but for the Customs authorities to file a suit against the party defaulting in such payment.

Mr. Fessenden replied at some length dealing mainly with the diplomatic aspects of the situation. He pointed out that the Treaty of 1858 between China and the United States provided (Article 11, *inter alia*) that import duties on goods entering China by vessels belonging to the United States shall be paid on the discharge of the goods from the vessels." But the goods mentioned and described in plaintiff's petition, added counsel, namely 25 cases of San Miguel Beer were discharged at wharves belonging to the defendants from an American steamer without the said Customs import duties being paid. Therefore, in view of this, and the understanding between the defendants and the Customs, the defendants were not supposed to deliver the goods to the plaintiffs.

Counsel for defence further stated that the defendants were willing to deliver the goods were they not prevented from doing so by the Customs authorities, inasmuch as the godown is situated at Poostung, Chinese territory. The Court had no jurisdiction over the subject matter in the suit, Mr. Fessenden contended further, because it was in fact a simple dispute between the Chinese Maritime Customs and the plaintiffs.

It was at this stage that Mr. Char telephoned to his partner at the Court announcing Mr. Quo Tai-chi's decision to withdraw, at least temporarily, the 30 per cent. tax. The case was then adjourned.

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